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Aftershock For Tokyo as **Huge Sell-Off Hits Markets**

Image of Inefficiency And Fragility Unsettles Investors Worldwide

By Steven Brull

TOKYO — Amid growing concern over the impact of the Kobe earthquake, investors and economists are downgrading their view of Japan's economic prospects and the nation's leadership, a shift that sent Tokyo stocks plunging 5.6 percent Mon-day and helped trigger a slump in prices

Brokers said the Japanese market could fall much further as the economic costs of the earthquake — which killed more than

Strong aftershock rocks buildings in Kobe as death toll climbs. Page 7.

5,000 people — rise beyond initial estimates, delaying Japan's still sluggish recovery from its longest postwar recession. Estimates of the earthquake's financial cost average around \$60 billion to \$80

billion. One estimate — made Monday by Kosaku Inaba, president of the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry put the figure potentially as high as \$400 billion, or 10 percent of the country's gross national product.

More broadly, the pictures circulating worldwide of survivors shivering before campfires and subsisting on rice balls have conveyed a new sense of Japanese vulnerability and raised questions, not only about the government's handling of the disaster but also about its long-term stability.

"The true backwardness of Japan was shown on TV screens," said Richard Koo, senior economist at the Nomura Research Institute, "Investors are wondering whether they should really keep their money here when the government appears so inept."

But Monday's decline in Tokyo stock prices — the biggest in three and a half years—also was part of what seemed to be a broad reassessment by Westerners of international investing that caused mar-

The International Herald Tribune World Stock Index closed 2.41 percent. lower, and the Asia component of the Trib

Index fell 6.15 percent. With U.S. interest rates up sharply in the past year and perhaps set for another increase next week, many investors are thinking twice about being involved in

other, potentially more risky markets. Foreign investors in Japan, who poured 4.1 trillion yen (\$41 billion) into Tokyo

stocks in 1994, have been net sellers for See TOKYO, Page 7



Israeli paratroopers embracing Monday in Jerusalem at the funeral of a bombing victim, Staff Sergeant Yaron Blum.

High-Tech Theft Bedevils Cyberspace

Security Experts Say Thieves Exploit a Flaw on the Internet

New York Times Service

SAN FRANCISCO - A federal computer-security agency has discovered that unknown intruders have developed a new way to break into computer systems. The new form of attack leaves many of the 20 million government, business, university and home computers on the global Internet vulnerable to eavesdropping and theft.

Officials say that unless computer users take the complicated measures they prescribe on how to prevent break-ins, intruders could copy or destroy sensitive

by posing as authorized users of the

[Many systems that were thought to be protected by sophisticated hardware and software called "fire walls" are now vulnerable, The Associated Press quoted an official of the agency, the Computer Emergency Response Team, as saying on

[Tom Longstaff, manager of research and development at CERT, said: "Even when you bought a security package for the Internet, there is no security." [Intruders using the new technique can

documents and even operate undetected copy or destroy documents by masqueras an authorized user, the agenc said in an advisory distributed Monday on the Internet. "Once the attack is completed, it is difficult to detect," it said.]

> About 20 million people use the Internet, a global web of systems that exchange electronic messages, documents and computer programs, and many businesses are looking to it as a medium for

> For computer users, the problem is akin to homeowners discovering that See NET, Page 6

Rabin's Peace Goal: 'Total Separation'

Talks to Go On Despite Uproar After Bombing

JERUSALEM - Against a chorus of demands that he halt peace talks with the Palestinians, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Monday that he would not let negotiations be disrupted by a wave of Islamic suicide bombings, including the one on Sunday that killed 18 Israeli soldiers and a civilian.

"We shall continue on the path of peace—there is no alternative," Mr. Rabin said in an unusual televised speech to a nation still reeling from one of the deadliest epi-sodes in its history. "We will achieve peace because that is the solution in the long run to the terrorist attacks.

But, he said, "this path must lead us to total separation.

Mr. Rabin said clear boundaries must be drawn between Israel and Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

'We want to reach a division between us and you," he said. "We do not want the majority of the Jewish population, 98 percent of whom live inside sovereign Israel and united Jerusalem, to be vulnerable to

Despite Mr. Rabin's commitment to forge ahead, peace negotiations seemed to be frozen for now, with no clear sign of when they might resume.

Israeli officials acknowledged that public confidence was badly battered by the attack on Sunday at a rural junction in central Israel, where one or more suicide bombers detonated two explosions near a bus stop crowded with soldiers traveling to

This time, it was not just the rightist opposition that demanded a break in the talks, as it usually does after such incidents. Even a committed dove such as President Ezer Weizman stretched the confines of his largely ceremonial position and, to Mr. Rabin's dismay, issued his own call for a suspension, an appeal echoed Monday in many newspaper commentar-

The fact that the prime minister went on the air Monday night to speak directly to Israelis for nearly 15 minutes — far from a normal event here - reflected his concern about plummeting support for the course he had charted with Yasser Arafat, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

"We must break the cycle of hatred," he said. "And we shall, so that we, as mothers and fathers, and I as a grandfather, will not have to mourn our beautiful children." The target of the explosions was a heavi-

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Tears Flow As a Nation In Turmoil **Buries Youths**

By Clyde Haberman

JERUSALEM - One after another they were buried, an assembly line of misery and despair.

Death is no stranger here, but rarely does it come calling as ferociously as it did Sunday, when 19 Israelis were killed in a Palestinian suicide bomb-ing, all but one of them soldiers barely

old enough to vote.

By the thousands, Israelis trudged Monday to military graveyards across the nation to mourn the young victims, console the families and maybe say silent prayers for themselves and their doubt-ridden country.

No place echoed with sobs more than the Mount Herzl cemetery in Jerusalem. There, five soldiers were laid to rest in such relentless succession that the tears of one set of mourners had not even dried before it had to give way to another group climbing the grassy slopes to take its place.

The "village of youth," some call Mount Herzl, because few end up there in the luxury of old age.

The mourners, too, were mostly young — soldiers in red berets who wept and hugged one another but who also spoke defiantly of exacting revenge on the Islamic extremists who took responsibility for the bombing at an intersection heavily trafficked by Israeli men and women in uniform.

'We won't let these murderers rejoice over our sorrow and pain," said a senior officer, unidentified according to army regulations, as he delivered a eulogy over the grave of Staff Sergeant Yaron Blum, 20.

Gloom settled on israelis a most physical presence, and questions about whether the country was on the right track filled lunchtime conversations and workplace debates. While judging such things is difficult in apsence of valid opinion surveys, it seemed a safe bet that the government could not claim majority support for its insistence that peace talks with the Palestinians must go on.

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Unhappy New Year 19000

U.K. Firm Launches Bid To Be Largest Drugmaker

By Richard W. Stevenson

LONDON - Glaxo PLC, taking the steady consolidation of the health-care industry to a new scale, launched an unsolic-ited \$14 billion offer on Monday for Wellcome PLC in a deal that would create the world's largest pharmaceuticals company. If completed, the deal between the two

British companies would be the largest in a string of mergers and acquisitions among drug companies, hospitals and other health-care providers. It would also rank among the two or three largest deals to date in any industry, behind the \$30 billion merger of R.J. Reynolds & Co. and Nabisco Brands Inc. completed in 1989 and neck-and-neck with the \$14 billion combination of Time Inc. and Warner Communications Inc. in 1990.

Together, the companies would have \$12.2 billion in worldwide sales and would dominate treatment of ulcers, AIDS and herpes. Their combined worldwide market share would be 5.3 percent, Glaxo said, compared with 3.9 percent for the current leader, Merck & Co.

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Wellcome, the world's 20th-largest drug company, has long emphasized its desire to remain independent, and said Monday that it would study the Glaxo offer as well as possible alternatives.

But Glaxo, already the world's secondlargest drug company after Merck, clearly had the upper hand, having made an offer that analysis described at being at the top end of industry valuations and having won a commitment from Wellcome's largest shareholder, the Wellcome Trust, an independent charity, to sell its stake of 39.5

Glaxo said it was offering £10.25 for See GLAXO, Page 6

Cuba's New Capitalism Is Giving Food to the People

Narrow market aisles are jammed with shoppers poring tain Cuba's battered economy, pushed to the brink of over piles of tomatoes, oranges and yams or staring at rows of pork hanging from hooks. Vendors bark out their prices and try to entice buyers by offering bargains. In Cuba's most pervasive experiment yet with a market

economy and its most radical break from communist dogma, farmers are being allowed to sell produce directly to consumers. The prices are set by supply and demand — not by state dictate — and the result is that the nation's crushing food shortages are being eased.

By Douglas Farah

Washington Post Service

HAVANA — It's a sight not seen here in many years.

With official food rations shrinking in recent years, the markets are giving the government of President Fidel Castro some needed breathing room as it seeks to maincollapse by the disappearance of the Soviet Union and the failure of earlier, more measured changes designed to

increase production.

Diplomats and Cuban analysts said the farmers markets were allowed at least in part because the lack of food was perceived to be a primary cause of turmoil last summer, which included an extraordinary anti-government demonstration in Havana in August and an exodus of thousands of Cuban rafters heading for Florida.

The markets opened Oct. 1, and 160 now operate across the island. Goods from the few remaining private farms, state farms, cooperatives and the army are sold side by side and are priced in pesos. Most other soughtafter consumer goods are priced in hard currency.

Demand still far outstrips supply, prices remain high and people still spend much of their time trying to put food on the table. But dozens of interviews here in the capital and in the countryside, as well as talks with diplomats and academics, reveal almost universal agreement that for the first time since the disintegration of the

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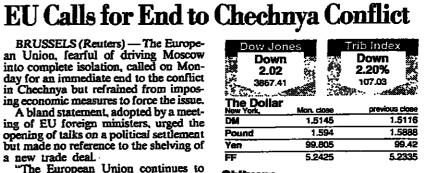


SECOND THOUGHTS — As a man threatened to jump from a Moscow building Monday, a soldier took aim as a precaution against the possibility of a terrorist act. After two hours, the man changed his mind and left.

BRUSSELS (Reuters) — The Europe-an Union, fearful of driving Moscow into complete isolation, called on Monday for an immediate end to the conflict in Chechnya but refrained from impos-

ing economic measures to force the issue. A bland statement, adopted by a meeting of EU foreign ministers, urged the opening of talks on a political settlement but made no reference to the shelving of a new trade deal. "The European Union continues to follow developments in Chechnya with great concern," the statement said. "It

deplores the serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law which are still occurring there." Related article, Page 2



Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, the matriarch of the Kennedy political dynasty, is dead at the age of 104. Page 3. Page 6.

International Classified

A Fledgling Chinese Blimp Corps Is Hoping for Friendlier Skies

BELIING - Just after takeoff at 6:15 on a recent, near-freezing morning, Rick Hoffecker looked down from the pilot's seat on the maiden flight of China's new U.S.-made blimp and saw a crowd of local resi-

dents looking up in astonishment. Hoping to put a bit of humanity behind the 7,500cubic-meter (68,000-cubic-foot) curiosity sailing above their homes, Mr. Hoffecker reached out and

But Xu Shunli, blimp-pilot-in-training and leader of China's quest to acquire a blimp, curtly ordered Mr. Hoffecker to stop waving. "That's forbidden," Mr. Xu

Mr. Hoffecker thought he had misunderstood. No.

Mr. Xu repeated, "that's forbidden." Perplexed, Mr. Hoffecker got back to the business of testing the new aircraft and teaching Mr. Xu how to fly it.

Mr. Hoffecker's exuberance had alarmed Mr. Xu, a career pilot in China's air force who has spent more than 3,500 hours flying by the rules of the People's Liberation Army.

To Mr. Xu, showing off - whether by flying your jet under a bridge or taking your eyes from the windshield to look down and wave — can lead to Yet, despite his restraint in the cockpit, Mr. Xu is

something of an aviation radical. As general manager of Beijing Orient Air, China's first private blimp company, he will soon launch an

invasion of China's airspace that could change forever the skies over the People's Republic.

With the help of his former air force instructors and other military leaders, Mr. Xu has won China's first certification for a blimp, a helium-filled craft 130 feet (40 meters) long by 45 feet (14 meters) tall and costing million yuan (\$1.4 million).

Mr. Xu has also secured permission to fly his blimp over central Beijing, the most sensitive airspace in

Test flights have been held above the airport. But soon Mr. Xu will be taking his slow-flying orb on its first trip above Beijing's densely populated sections, flying 150 meters (500 feet) off the ground over Third Ring Road and other downtown thoroughfares.

Beijing Orient Air will charge companies 85,000

yuan a day to carry advertising banners, turning the white ship into a flying corporate symbol, like the

Goodyear blimp. China's Nanfang Pharmaceutical Factory, which makes the popular "999" brand stomach medicine,

and the Japanese electronics giant Panasonic have already signed up. The Chinese national television station also has expressed interest in using the craft to film sports contests and large gatherings. China's approval of the blimp flights is part of a new policy aimed at broadening access to the skies to

China's burgeoning new class of travelers and deal-See BLIMP, Page 2

facilitate economic development. Air passenger traffic

has more than quadrupled since 1985, the result of

Despite Lull in Grozny, Moscow Dispatches More Troops

GROZNY, Russia - The Kremlin poured reinforcements into Grozny on Monday even as Russian officials said that Chechen resistance to Moscow's military campaign had eased.

A column of 150 vehicles moved into the capital from the north, including trucks with troops, armored carriers and multibarreled anti-

Another 40 armored vehicles and six selfpropelled guns arrived on trucks at a railhead

It was not immediately clear whether the Russian reinforcements were a prelude to a new Russian effort to clear Grozny of Chechen fight-

ers after four days of relative calm. A senior military official, speaking to the Interfax news agency in the North Ossetian capital, Mozdok, said Russian troops were actively clearing snipers and commandos from Grozny But he said resistance from what the Kremlin

Italian Leader Gets

Break for First Test

Berlusconi Coalition Indicates

Gianfranco Fini, who heads the far-right National Alliance.

liament on Monday, Mr. Dini

made no mention of elections,

but he again promised to hand in his mandate once he and his

government had accomplished

their four main tasks: passage of a supplementary budget, en-

actment of pension reform, changes in regional electoral laws and a guarantee of equal access to television during po-

"We are a government of technicians, and we don't ig-nore the supremacy of politics,"

he said, winning himself a

round of applause from the

a surprisingly broad agenda, ticking off the need for reform

in the judiciary, the health ser-

vices, education and the armed

services. This laundry list did not go unnoticed by Mr. Berlus-

coni, who has already voiced

suspicions that Mr. Dini's gov-

ernment may be more than

"It was an encyclopedic ex-position, and this left us sur-

prised," said Mr. Berlusconi, in

comments to reporters after Mr. Dini's speech. "There were

also certain passages we expect-

ed that we didn't find in the

Mr. Berlusconi, who resigned

from office last month after the

Northern League defected from

his coalition, has been battling

ever since to reclaim the popu-

lar mandate he and the other

members of the Freedom Alli-

ance won in elections last

on a new election date has

proved to be politically costly,

particularly since most Italians

expect new elections to be held

Writing this weekend in the Milan daily Corriere della Sera, Lucio Colletti, an Italian phi-

losopher, described Mr. Berlus-

coni's endgame as self-destruc-

this year anyway.

But his stubborn insistence

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But Mr. Dini went beyond his four priorities and outlined

litical campaigns.

In a 50-minute speech to Par-

Confidence-Vote Abstention

By Celestine Bohlen

New York Times Service

Lamberto Dini is more likely to

survive his first test in Parliament this week after his prede-cessor and former patron, Silvio Berlusconi, and other leaders of

the center-right indicated they would probably abstain from

voting during a crucial confi-dence vote expected Wednes-

Mr. Berlusconi had vowed last week to oppose Mr. Dini's

government of nonpartisan technicians, thus robbing it of the majority it needs, unless both the new prime minister and the Italian president, Oscar

Luigi Scalfero, committed

But after a barrage of editorial criticism and polls showing

popular dissatisfaction with his

obstructionist stance, Mr. Ber-

lusconi signaled that he may be

ready to shelve his confrontational approach, at least for

"An abstention would allow

the government to operate and

would give us the opportunity

he told Italian television Mon-

An abstention by the 250-

odd members of the Freedom

Alliance, as Mr. Berlusconi's

center-right coalition is called,

would mean that Mr. Dini

needs only a majority of the

the lower house to survive the

Wednesday vote. Another con-

fidence vote will follow in the

315-member Senate next week.

By late evening, several polit-

ical leaders within the Freedom

Alliance indicated that they, too, favored abstention over an

outright "no" vote against Mr.

Dini, a 63-year-old former cen-

tral banker who had also served

as Mr. Berlusconi's treasury

'An abstention is telling

public opinion that in any case

we are not contrary to a govern-

ment, and that we don't want

the responsibility of a further deterioration of the crisis," said

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themselves to June elections.

ROME - Prime Minister

calls "illegal armed formations" - the Chechen rebels - was considerably weaker.

Russia sent tanks and troops into largely Muslim Chechnya on Dec. 11 to crush the Caucasus region's independence bid, but the bloody cam-

paign has faced pressure at home and abroad.
The European Union called Monday for an immediate end to the lighting and for the start of talks on a political solution.

The European Union continues to follow developments in Chechnya with great concern." a statement by EU foreign ministers said. "It deplores the serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law which are

still occurring there."

Germany, Russia's staunchest Western ally and biggest foreign aid donor, threatened to halt its financial support for Moscow unless the

bloodshed stopped.

Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel, speaking after weekend talks with Foreign Minister Andrei V.

Kozyrev of Russia, told a German radio station: "If things continue in Chechnya as they appear at the moment, then investment and, of course, economic support as well will automatically be

tional Monetary Fund, hold the key to closing Russia's inflationary budget gap.

Russian guns have all but destroyed Grozny, a city of 400,000 before the fighting sent refugees flooding out of the capital. Residents ventured into the streets Monday to buy bread and collect water as an eeric calm returned.

In Moscow, the Russian government said its forces had captured Grozny's tram depot and several central streets.

But Chechen fighters loyal to the separatist leader, Dzhokar Dudayev, who were roaming Grozny's streets wearing green Islamic head-bands, were determined to light on.

"They wouldn't dare fight us hand to hand with their infantry," a fighter said, "We know how to fight, and we know what kind of fighters they've turned out to be."

But Western military analysts said the Rus-Loans from the West, including the Interna- sians had signaled the start of a new phase of the military campaign by launching several weekend attacks on Chechen positions outside Grozny.

Now that the battle for Grozny appeared to be in its final stages, the Russians would be able to concentrate on trying to wipe out strategic Che-chen targets outside the city, they said.

"Obviously the Russians are broadening out now," a Western expert said. "It looks like they are moving away from the center to hit targets

If Grozny falls, Chechen rebels say they will form partisan groups and battle the Russians from the Caucasus Mountains.

WORLD BRIEFS

Deadly Storms Sweep North Europe

PARIS (AFP) — Storms sweeping northern Europe since the weekend have claimed several lives.

In Germany, a soldier on maneuvers was killed by a falling tree and a 32-year-old woman drowned after being swept into a river. In Belgium, a man was killed and five people were seriously injured when winds blew an oncoming truck into the path of their car. In southeastern Poland, three people were killed and eight were injured when a bus carrying an ice hockey team was blown off the road in high winds near Sanok, the police said.

Winds of up to 160 kilometers (100 miles) per hour were

recorded in Germany, and several rivers rose above the levels they reached around Christmas 1993, when Germany suffered what at the time were dubbed the floods of the century. The Rhine was rising by 15 centimeters (6 inches) every hour on Monday.

Leftist to Head French Media Body

PARIS (Reuters) — President François Mitterrand, in one of his last major appointments before leaving office in May, named a leftist ally, Hervé Bourges, on Monday to head the state body regulating radio and television.

The appointment is a potential problem for Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, a conservative and the favorite to replace Mr. Mitterrand in the presidential election this spring. If elected, Mr. Balladur will be barred by law from replacing Mr. Bourges for

In another development, the president of the National Assembly, Philippe Seguin, appointed a journalist, Philippe Labarde, as a deputy on Mr. Bourges's agency. Mr. Labarde recently resigned from the newspaper Le Monde, charging that senior editorial positions were being filled by supporters of Mr. Balladur.

Canada to Disband Elite Regiment

OTTAWA (AFP) - Defense Minister David Collenette said Monday that he would disband the elite Canadian Airborne Regiment following the release of videotapes showing members making racist remarks in Somalia, where they served as UN

Mr. Collenette said members of the regiment would be reas signed to their original units and that some members might still be called on to serve on other UN peacekeeping missions. The regiment, composed of elite fighters from other Canadian regiments, was due to take over the next Canadian rotation of

peacekeepers in Bosnia in April.

The decision to disband the regiment ran counter to the recommendations of top military officials that the unit be maintained while a full inquiry was carried out.

Basque Candidate for Mayor Slain

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain (AP) — Suspected Basque separatists on Monday killed the spokesman for the opposition Popular Party in the northern Basque region, the police said.

Gregorio Ordóñez was shot several times in the head in a bar in the old section of the city, they said. Mr. Ordóñez, a deputy in the

regional Basque legislature, was recently nominated as his party's candidate for mayor of San Sebastian in the May elections. Last week, the separatist group ETA said it was responsible for the slaying of a national police officer in Bilbao on Jan. 13.

Mexico President Reshuffles Cabinet

MEXICO CTTY (AP) — President Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León of Mexico reshuffled his cabinet Monday after forting the education secretary, Fausto Alzati, to resign for lying about having a doctoral degree.

The president moved Agrarian Reform Secretary Miguel Limon Rojas into the education job. Agriculture Secretary Arturo Warman was moved to the agrarian reform spot, and Francisco Labastido, director of federal highways and bridges, was to take the agriculture job.

The president's office also announced that the Mexico City attorney general, Ruben Valdez Abascal, was resigning for unspecified health reasons. A Mexico City assemblyman, Jose Antonio González, is to take his cabinet position.

For the Record

Three neo-Nazis were convicted in a German state court as accessories to attempted murder for encoura beating of a 33-year-old Nigerian refugee at a discotheque outside Berlin in May 1992. The three, aged 19 to 21, were given suspend-

TRAVEL UPDATE

U.S. Scrutinizing Airline Practices

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. investigators are cracking down on deceptive airline advertising and confusing frequent-flier promotions under a Transportation Department program announced

"We still receive thousands of complaints each year," said Transportation Secretary Federico Peña. "People are generally frustrated and very confused." After receiving about 7,000 consumer complaints in 1993, the department established a consumer protection office last month with the power to investigate air carriers and review their advertising.

There will be more extensive scrutiny of fare promotions, tour

operators' handling of money paid in advance, overbooking practices, disclosure of limitations on frequent-flier awards and airline compliance with rules for travelers with disabilities.

Flight attendants for Alitalia, the Italian state-owned carrier. called for two strikes to protest the leasing of Australian planes and crews. The flight attendants' union said it would strike for four hours Feb. 3 and 24 hours beginning Feb. 15, the AGI press agency reported.

Representatives of the European Union and several Middle East countries began a three-day meeting Monday in the Red Sea port of Aqaba, Jordan, to discuss ways of attracting more European tourists to the Middle East.

BLIMP: China's Friendlier Skies

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makers. The turbulence between the two pilots on their first flight together reflects the different ways Chinese and Americans have traditionally used their skies.

Pilots who fly in China are subject to the authority of the military, which controls airspace on a semiwar footing. There is no history of barnstorming, and there are no private pilots.

To the average Chinese citizen, even the sight of the bimp flying overhead could be jarring — especially at night, with its two 1,000-watt halite bulbs glaring through the ship's trans-

lucent nylon skin. "Educated people will know it's an airship," Mr. Xu said. "Less-well-educated people will

think it's a UFO." Mr. Hoffecker, a blimp pilot and instructor with the American Blimp Corp. and Lightship

America, two small Oregon blimps, predicted that the crew to "stand by." But the blimp market would develop in crew's translator told his menus. blimp market would develop in China, but very slowly.

the full backing of the military. which still controls aviation.

Then there is pilot training. Unlike in the United States. where most pilots learn to fly in small private airplanes with piston engines, China's pilots are trained in the air force, which uses Soviet airplanes that often have larger, more powerful tur-

bine engines.
"With turbine engines, you're talking speed, major speed."
Mr. Hoffecker explained: "In a blimp, you're talking major slow." The result, he added, is a tendency to overreact when fly-

ing a blimp.
It also will take some time before Chinese consumers understand the concept of private aviation - or, as Mr. Hoffector, put it, the idea that ordinary

citizens can buy a plane for the price of an expensive car and just "bead out cruising" And, of course, language can also be a barrier. Before takeoff on the blimp's

first test flight, the U.S. ground companies that sell and operate crew chief told his new Charlese Chinese to "stand back" -and when they did, the blimp start-

First, he said, China will need to improve its rudimentary air ed rising before preparations traffic control system and win had been completed.

Mr. Delors, left, leaving the Brussels headquarters of the European Commission on Monday as his staff applauded.

Delors Ends 10-Year Tenure at EU Commission

BRUSSELS - Jacques Delors stepped down Monday as European Commission president, handing the post to Jacques Santer after 10 years of steering Europe toward closer union.

In a brief ceremony at the European Union executive's Brussels headquarters. Mr. Delors welcomed Mr. Santer, the former Luxembourg prime minister, before a cheering commission staff.

Mr. Delors then attended farewell ceremony, at which EU foreign ministers were hosts.

Foreign Minister Alain Juppe of

France, praising his fellow countryman's years, during which it will propose laws probity and pragmatism, said Mr. Deiors had put his stamp on most of the EU's achievements during his time in office.

"We have changed in the last 10 years." Mr. Delors replied, "but the world has changed more quickly than we have." He said awareness of that fact should encourage the EU to further ac-

"One of these days our people, while land - have swelled the body's numbers

ences," he said.

The new commission will sit for five ing countries.

Commissioners from the newest EU members - Sweden, Austria and Fin-

petition and trade.

to 20, representing two members each family despite their political differ- from Germany, France, Britain, Spain and Italy, and one each from the remain-

for the 15-nation bloc and oversee policy

in areas ranging from agriculture to com-

Union begins considering its future in a thorough review of the Maastricht trea-

ry, which is essentially the EU constitu-

It will be in office next year when the

Portuguese Prime Minister to Step Down

LISBON - Prime Minister Anibal Cavaco Silva announced Monday that he would step down as leader of the Social Democratic Party to make way for a new candidate for prime minister in general elections later this year.

Mr. Cavaco Silva, leader of

three governments since 1985, stressed that his decision should mandate of the Portuguese peo-said he would not stand for re-not prompt President Mário ple until the end of my term." minister in the elections, which

the latest, he said.

election at next month's party Soares to dissolve Parliament congress. Whoever is elected at and call early elections, as the nouncement ended weeks of the congress will run for prime opposition is demanding. will be scheduled for October at

Mr. Cavaco Silva did not rec-

"I have decided I will not return as leader of the PSD,"

the 56-year-old economist said. "But that does not mean that I ommend a successor and will not faithfully carry out the

The prime minister's anspeculation about his immediate political future.

Mr. Cavaco Silva became prime minister in 1985 and

oversaw an economic boom and sweeping modernization,

Paris Pushes Harder for EU Currency to Counter Bonn's Might

By William Drozdiak Washington Post Service

PARIS - Fearful that Germany and its allpowerful Deutsche mark are seizing control of Europe's economic destiny, France's political leadership has vowed to accelerate the drive by the European Union to achieve a single continental currency within the next two years. In what aides described as a closely orchestrat-

terrand, and the conservative prime minister, Edouard Balladur, have delivered ringing appeals for a single European currency by 1997.

Mr. Mitterrand told the European Parliament in a farewell address last week that a single currency was "an indispensable trump card" that

ed policy, the Socialist president, François Mit-

Europe must now play to avoid lapsing into anarchy.

Mr. Balladur, the heavy favorite to win the presidential election this spring, declared Monday that "France has the economic capacity and the political will to change to a single currency." Even though French voters only narrowly approved the Maastricht treaty on European

Union that lays out strict ground rules for com-

determined to stick by the treaty and that its terms should be "neither softened nor modified."

The coordinated calls for a single European currency reflect more than the usual dose of exalted rhetoric as France assumes control of the European Union's presidency for the next six months. Rather, French officials say, it shows a consensus of anxiety across the political spectrum that failure to do so will allow Germany to become an unchecked economic superpower that will dominate its neighbors to a dangerous

Germany's clout is expanding rapidly for several reasons: It has reoriented its economy to the demands of the 21st century faster than its partners, it has captured large chunks of the emerg-ing markets in the East, and the mark has solidi-fied its role as a haven for nervous capital.

Meanwhile, the Bundesbank continues to call the tune on European interest rates. The French realize that the only way to loosen the grip of the German central bank in setting rates for all of Europe is to replace the mark, and all other

mon money, Mr. Balladur said that Paris was currencies, with a European currency as quickly when the EU will review the Maastricht treaty as possible.

The goal of common money in Europe is one closer ties of the most ambitious aspects of the Maastricht Even if treaty. But it is also one of the most controversial because of the surrender of sovereignty involved in replacing the familiar lire, francs or marks

with a new and untested currency.

In Germany, where the mark is revered as a patriotic symbol as well as a proud emblem of the nation's economic might, opinion polls show a large majority of voters still reluctant to embrace European monetary union.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl, one of Maastricht's staunchest supporters, has insisted that Germany will take the leap toward a single currency only if its partners agree to making equally fast strides toward political union, by granting more power to the European Parliament.

But Paris and London still want the nationstate to remain the ultimate arbiter in a Union that could expand to two dozen or more memdemands is expected to reach a climax in 1996, economies.

and plot the next phase of its crusade for ever-

Even if Germany relents and allows monetary union to take precedence, fulfilling the conditions set down by the treaty - strict limits on inflation, public debt, and deficits — for the currency will be difficult to achieve because of the severe costs of Europe's recession.

By the terms of the treaty, the leap to a single currency can take place only if a majority of Union members fulfill the inflation, debt and deficit criteria by the end of 1996. If not, the fallback date is 1999 for those states meeting the necessary conditions.

Most important, in the French view, is the goal of harnessing German power in the future. Under the European central bank that would govern the single currency, the seats around the table will be shared among the Union's members. No longer would German bankers, renowned for their obsessive concern to smother any hint of bers over the next decade. The struggle with inflation with high interest rates, monopolize key Bonn over how to reconcile these conflicting decisions that affect the fate of all European

Final Seconds of Flight 427: Hang On! . . . Oh God! Oh God!

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PITTSBURGH — The captain screamed and the co-pilot said "God, no!" as a USAir jet spun out of control in September and dove about a mile nose first to the ground, killing all 132 people aboard.

A transcript of the cockpit voice recorder from Flight 427 was made public Monday, the same day the National Transportation Safety Board convened a hearing into the Sept. 8 crash near Pittsburgh International Airport.

The hearing began with witnesses saying there was no evidence of an explosion on the In early December, the Federal Aviation

Administration made public parts of the crew's

communications with the airport control tower.
Officials withheld parts of that tape out of

compassion for the survivors of the crew mem- Boeing 737-300 rolls to the left and dives. bers. Some relatives criticized the decision, saying they wanted the option of knowing everything, no matter how painful.

The transcript made public Monday, which covers cockpit conversations rather than communications with the tower, shows the flight was routine until the final seconds. The captain, Peter Germano, sips a cranber-

ry-orange juice and Diet Sprite drink 10 min-

utes before the crash and gives the cabin a standard weather report for Pittsburgh less than three minutes before the plane goes down. Then, 25 seconds before the crash, the pilots' desperate exclamations are heard as the wings begin to shake and cockpit alarms sound.

Mr. Germano says "Sheez" following three

electrical clicks just before 7:03 P.M. The

Mr. Germano breaths heavily and says, "Whoa," as a thump and some clicking is heard. Another click is heard and Mr. Germano says, "Hang on."

The co-pilot. Charles B. Emmett, grunts and Mr. Germano again says. "Hang on." The autopilot is disconnected as the plane rolls sharply to the left Mr. Germano again says, "Hang on." Mr. Emmett says, "Oh (exple-

Mr. Germano says, "What the hell is this?" Two warnings go off and a recorded male voice says, "Traffic traffic," as the plane drifts within 1.000 feet (300 meters) in altitude of a smaller jet taking off from the Pittsburgh airport.
That plane, a Blue Ridge Airways jet, is not

A second later, Mr. Germano says, "Oh God! Oh God!" Mr. Emmett spits out an expletive. Mr. Germano yells, "Pull!" and Mr. Emmett, who is flying the plane, says two more expletives.

In the final two seconds, Mr. Emmett says "God. no!" and the captain screams.

As Monday's hearing opened, two witnesses refuted a suggestion that an explosion might have caused the crash. That theory emerged after it was learned that a passenger on the jet spent the day of the disaster with prosecutors in Chicago, discussing testimony in an upcoming drug trial.

Thomas Haueter, the National Transportation Safety Board's chief investigator for the crash, said the cockpit voice recorder had no noises that could be associated with a bomb or

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believed to have contributed to the crash.

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Defense Hints at Alibi and Renews Frame-Up Charges

LOS ANGELES — O. J. Simpson's defense team offered evidence of an alibi for the first time on Monday and contended that the police may have moved his Ford Bronco automobile as well as a bloody glove after the murders of Mr. Simpson's former wife and her friend.

The contentions, contained in court papers, came during a busy morning that saw opening statements delayed by bitter arguments over evidence submitted by the defense at the last

Angry prosecutors had asked for a weeklong delay because of additions to the defense witness list and the late submission of a defense video. Judge Lance A. Ito of U.S. Superior Court ruled that many of the witnesses could not be mentioned in the defense opening statement. The question of whether the defense video should be a reason to delay the statements was pending when the proceedings broke for lunch.

In another development, Mr. Simpson asked for permission to speak to the jury briefly before his defense attorneys present their opening statements and to show panelists what court papers called "physical scars, injuries and limitations,"

ver, Patricia Kennedy Lawford and Jean Kenne-

held Tuesday at St. Stephen's Church in Boston, where Mrs. Kennedy was baptized, Reuters

The family said a funeral service would be

[After the Mass, she will be buried alongside

Rose Kennedy saw her family rise from the

insular and provincial Irish wards of Boston to

enormous wealth and a place in the highest

councils of world affairs. Great as the family's

successes were, they were equaled by its tragedies and failures. The family's story has become one

Her husband, Joseph Patrick Kennedy, was a

ruthless Wali Street speculator, stock manipula-

and Exchange Commission and ambassador to

The focus of Rose Kennedy's life was her

She devoted herself to her nine children with

sites in Boston, where her father, John F. (Honey

Fitz) Fitzgerald, had been a colorful and popular

In the foreword to Mrs. Kennedy's recently

reissued family memoir, "Times to Remember," four of her children wrote: "Our mother is the finest teacher we ever had."

Away From Politics

• A federal prosecutor said he found no evi-

dence that Bush administration officials

armed Iraq through federal programs sup-porting U.S. exports or that the Justice De-

partment engaged in a political coverup. John M. Hogan, acting U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, conducted an

18-month investigation into loans to Iraq

made by a branch of Banca Nazionale del

Lavoro in the years before the Gulf War.

A teenager accused in the fatal shooting of a

British tourist in Florida pleaded guilty to a

lesser charge of second-degree murder and

will face a 40-year prison sentence. Aundra

Akins, 16, was accused of firing the shot that

killed Gary Colley during a bungled robbery

at an interstate rest stop on Sept. 14, 1993.

Anti-abortion protesters marked the 22d anniversary of the Supreme Court ruling legaliz-

ing abortion by vowing to keep their voices

family and the Roman Catholic Church.

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"Mr. Simpson will not say or do anything objectionable or otherwise procedurally inap-propriate," said the request, signed by defense lawyer Johnnie Cochran Jr. Judge Ito did not rule immediately on Mr.

Simpson's request.

The judge also ruled Monday that jurors would be allowed to see a bloody photograph of the crime scene during the prosecution's opening statement, turning aside a defense request to

make the prosecution use a diagram of the scene instead. Mr. Simpson, the former football star, has pleaded not guilty to two counts of murder in the deaths of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald L.

Goldman on June 12, 1994. The information on the defense witness could provide an alibi, since prosecutors have suggested the murders were committed at about 10:15

P.M. outside Nicole Simpson's condominium.

The defense - which has suggested that a police detective, Mark Fuhrman, planted a bloody glove on the grounds of Mr. Simpson's

also may have been moved by the police.

As evidence that the Bronco was moved, the defense pointed to what it called discrepancies between photos of the vehicle and Mr. Fuhr-man's characterization of how it was parked. Documents filed with the court contended

that the Bronco was moved before police photographs of it were taken, which would indicate the contamination of evidence subsequently removed from the Bronco." Prosecutors have contended that Mr. Simpson

drove the Bronco to the murder scene and returned it to his house in it shortly before 11 P.M. They conducted tests on blood in the vehicle. The allegations were in court documents filed by Mr. Simpson's lawyers in an attempt to persuade Judge Ito to allow Mr. Fuhrman to be

against blacks and interracial couples. Mr. Simpson is black, and Nicole Simpson was white The defense claimed that Mr. Fuhrman never revealed that he had interviewed a woman who

It was unclear what he wanted to show to the jury alleging that Mr. Simpson's Ford Bronco, found the night of the murders. The woman, Rosa outside his estate the morning after the murders. Lopez, was described as an employee at the home next to Mr. Simpson's estate.

Ms. Lopez also told Fuhrman that she heard voices and noises coming from Simpson's house from 11 P.M.—about the time Mr. Simpson said he had left for the airport — and into the morning hours, the documents said.

Judge Ito had given the defense until Monday morning to come up with new information or face losing the opportunity to question Mr. Fuhrman about the racism allegations. The judge ruled Friday that testimony about the alleged slurs would be allowed if the defense could show why it was relevant.

"It is extremely significant that Detective Fuhrman never filed a report of this important information from Ms. Lopez," the documents said. "Surely, he realized that such evidence would tend to exclude Mr. Simpson as one who could have had time to leave his home, commit questioned about his alleged use of ethnic slurs the murders, and return."

In their opening statements the two sides were expected to outline dramatically opposing views glove on the grounds of Mr. Simpson's said she saw Mr. Simpson's Bronco parked near of what happened the night Nicole Simpson and expanded its theory of a frame-up by his driveway between 10:15 P.M. and 10:20 P.M. Mr. Goldman were stabbed and slashed to death.

Will States Derail Budget Amendment?

WASHINGTON — If Congress approves a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced federal budget, many state legislatures will probably ratify the measure quickly, but maybe too few to make it part of the constitution. A state-by-state survey by correspondents of The New

York Times found that some legislatures, afraid of the fiscal consequences, would most likely refuse to ratify the amendment and that the outlook was cloudy enough in others to raise considerable doubt that it would ever be adopted. To become part of the constitution, an amendment must

be approved by two-thirds majorities in both the House of Representatives and the Senate and then be ratified by the legislatures of three-quarters, or 38, of the states.

A balanced-budget amendment is a top priority of congres-

sional Republicans. The House is expected to approve the amendment in one form or another, while its prospects in the Senate are uncertain.

The situation in the states is even murkier. Many of the more than 7,400 legislators are, of course, influenced by public opinion polls showing that 80 percent of Americans favor a balanced-budget amendment. But many state officials, especially governors, are concerned that balancing the federal budget would force deep cuts in aid to the states.

Still, governors and legislative leaders in many states said over the past two weeks that ratification of the amendment by their legislatures was a foregone conclusion.

U.S. Sues 3 States Over Voter Registration

WASHINGTON - The Justice Department sued California. Illinois and Pennsylvania on Monday to force them to comply with a federal law easing voter registration.

The 1993 National Voter Registration Act requires all states to provide registration through the driver licensing process, through the mail and at state social services offices. Neither Illinois nor Pennsylvania took action to comply with the law, the department said. In California, Governor Pete Wilson vetoed compliance legislation and sued in federal court to have the law declared unconstitutional. The department filed a rebuttal defending the law on Monday. (AP)

Clinton Signs Off on First Republican Act

WASHINGTON — Calling government elite and out of touch with ordinary Americans, President Bill Clinton signed a bill Monday that will force Congress to live by the same laws it imposes on others.

In an Oval Office ceremony, Mr. Clinton said the bill

would help bring "a reality check to Washington."

Heading the list of the Republicans' "Contract With America," the bill was the first measure adopted by the Republican-led Congress this year. It requires the House and Senate to comply with the anti-discrimination, safety and other workplace rules they impose on other employers.

But it was Republicans in the Senate who blocked the bill last year when Democrats tried to pass it.

Quote/Unquote

William Schneider, a political scientist, on the State of the Union address: "It isn't easy to change the public's view of a sitting president. After two years, people have a pretty good idea of what they think of Clinton. Most Americans think he's a good man who wants the right things. But they have also concluded that he's weak and ineffectual, and it's hard to turn that around. You can't do it with rhetoric. It can only be done with bold actions. (LAT)

Old Vows Expected

Rose Kennedy Is Dead at 104 A Life Marked by Triumphs and Tragedies By J. Y. Smith She also fostered both competition and teamwork and a sense of service to great causes. With her husband, she gave her children a sense of WASHINGTON - Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, the mother of the 35th president of the loyalty that meant that a slight to one was a slight United States and the matriarch of the Kennedy political dynasty, is dead at 104. Yet she organized her life so she could take She died Sunday at the Kennedy family home care of her growing brood and get away from in Hyannis Port, Massachusetts, of complicathem when she wished. To run the Kennedy tions from pneumonia, according to a family households in Hyannis Port and Palm Beach, Florida, and the residences they had at different The statement said she "was surrounded by times in Brookline, Massachusetts, and Bronxher family," including four of her children, Sena-tor Edward M. Kennedy, Eunice Kennedy Shriville, New York, she relied on cooks, maids,

Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy in 1979 at the family compound in Hyannis Port.

an executive. She took vacations by herself, frequently traveling to Europe to attend showings by the great

fashion houses. One of the happiest periods in her life began in December 1937, when her husband was named ambassador to the Court of St. James's. The post carried enormous social and political prestige. It seemed that everything

nannies and secretaries. She described herself as

the Kennedys did turned out well. Yet each family success seemed to be paid for

with sorrow and tragedy.

Rosemary Kennedy, the third child and eldest daughter, was born mildly retarded. Without consulting his wife, Joseph Kennedy arranged for her to undergo a prefrontal lobotomy, an operation that was thought capable of bringing about nearly miraculous improvement.

In Rosemary's case, it was a disaster. She emerged from the procedure severely retarded, tor and investor in enterprises ranging from unable to speak or control bodily functions, and liquor and Hollywood films to stocks and bonds and real estate. Having made a great fortupe, he. was sent to St. Coletta's, a nursing convent in Jefferson, Wisconsin. Because of Rosemary, the went on to be the first chairman of the Securities Kennedys became noted supporters of the Spe-~ for the hand

> The couple's eldest child, Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., was killed in 1944 when his plane blew up over England while he was on a secret bombing mission for the navy in World War II.

the energy of someone schooled in the tradition In the same year, Kathleen Kennedy, the secthat being a wife and mother is a woman's ond daughter and fourth child, defied her mother She insisted on set meal times and led the and the Catholic Church and married the Marquess of Hartington, heir to the Duke of Devonfamily in discussions of current affairs or religious topics. She took them on walks to historical shire and a Protestant.

Mr. Hartington was killed in the war, and in 1948 Kathleen told her parents that she planned to marry Lord Peter Fitzwilliam, who was both Protestant and married, after he obtained a divorce. Before a marriage could take place, Kathleen and Lord Fitzwilliam were killed in the crash of a private plane.

the United States in 1960, was assassinated.

The third son, Robert Francis Kennedy, was shot to death on June 6, 1968, moments after he learned that he had won the California primary, an important step in his own quest for the . Democratic nomination for the presidency.

The fourth son, Edward Moore Kennedy, was elected to the Senate from Massachusetts in 1962 and became a major liberal force in national politics. But he was never permitted to forget Chappaquiddick, an island off of Martha's Vineyard. There, in the summer of 1969, he drove off a bridge, and an aide who was with him drowned.

The central question for Rose Kennedy was how she managed to cope with these disasters, and she offered this answer: "I just feel I must refuse ever to be daunted. I

must refuse to be vanquished and have faith that everything will be all right because we are all in God's hands." Rose Elizabeth Fitzgerald was born in Boston

John Fitzgerald Kennedy, elected president of Her father was an investor and publisher of a weekly newspaper called The Republic.

Mr. Fitzgerald was elected to the Boston City Council in 1892 and to the Massachusetts Senate the next year. From 1895 to 1901; he served in the U.S. House of Representatives. He was may-or of Boston twice, in 1906-07 and from 1910 to

Mr. Fitzgerald's problems with a scandal led to one of the most important developments in his daughter's life: her commitment to the Catholic

In the spring of 1908, he faced indictment because of irregularities in the procurement of paving stone. To spare them embarrassment, he enrolled Rose and her older sister, Agnes, in the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Blumenthal, in the Netherlands. They spent a year there, their

lives governed by prayer and ritual.
Years later, Mrs. Kennedy said she "looked back with thankfulness to God for having granted me the occasion for shaping a lasting cove-nant with him. Freed from all distractions and on July 22, 1890, the eldest of six children. Her from all worldly thoughts, I was able to find in mother was the former Mary Josephine Hannon. myself the place that was meant for God."

In Clinton Speech By Todd S. Purdum In recent weeks, advisers say, New York Times Service the president has repeatedly ex-WASHINGTON — Bill pressed deep frustration that he Clinton has revived, reinvigorated or reinvented himself half to communicate a rationale as

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a dozen times since he set out to win the White House, and in his State of the Union address Tuesday night, his advisers say, he aims to do so once again by sketching a vision of how he will cooperate - and compete - with the new Republican ascendancy.

In the 11 weeks since the midterm elections ended Democratic control of Congress and many of his own hopes for sweeping legislation - the president has consulted with everyone from historians to "personal growth" gurus in contemplating what to make of the rest of his term, and how to win another.

He now plans a speech that will be less a list of new proposals than a litany of the themes that helped elect him: economic security for working Americans, reform of Washington's wayward ways and shared responsibility between a caring government and committed citizenry.

Mr. Clinton may offer some specific examples of how to the minimum wage, consolidating government departments or tightening campaign finance and lobbying laws, aides said.

But they said the 30- to 40minute speech would be mostly what one called "a dialogue with the American people about where the country should be going," a phrase Mr. Clinton free trade and economic recov-himself used Saturday in a ery, on cutting the deficit or speech to the Democratic Na-(AP, Reuters) tional Committee.

and the Democrats have failed succinct or compelling as the Republicans' bold vows of change in a time of social and economic upheaval and voter discontent. At the same time, though he

has been reticent about direct attacks, his aides say Mr. Clinton believes that many of the prevailing prescriptions for slashing government programs or curtailing welfare benefits are punitive, simplistic or would benefit the wealthy at the

expense of working Americans. Accordingly, Mr. Clinton hopes to use the singular spotlight of the speech to a joint session of Congress with the House speaker, Newt Gingrich, looking over his shoulder in the House chamber, not only to pledge cooperation on tasks like shrinking government and cut-ting taxes, but to argue that his administration was doing this well before the Republicans took charge.

He also is expected to vow to oppose any effort to roll back some of his proudest achievements, such as the ban on 19 forms of assault weapons or the meet those goals, like raising national service program for college-age students. For much of the last two

years, presidential advisers acknowledge, Mr. Clinton has forsaken the bully pulpit for such deep immersion in the details of policy and legislative battles that he has not managed to win credit for his victories on shrinking government by 100,000 employees.

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Court Ruling Hailed as Gain for Job Discrimination Victims

that they cannot escape liability ees who show they were fired WASHINGTON — The by later finding a lawful reason because of illegal bias.
U.S. Supreme Court on Monto justify the dismissal. If such employees con

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raised on behalf of "the pre-born." Thou-

sands of demonstrators, many carrying red

roses or pictures of babies, rallied near the

Washington Monument behind the White

A British police investigator told a hearing

into the 1993 siege and fire at the Branch

Davidian cult compound in Waco, Texas,

that the raid on the compound was doomed to

fail from the start. Detective Chief Superin-

tendent Albert Yates, who investigated the assault on behalf of 23 British victims, told an inquest in Manchester, England, that the Al-

cohol. Tobacco and Firearms Bureau raid on

Feb. 28, 1993, "had very little, if any, chance

Building and maintaining prisons has be-

come a booming business in the United

States, as tough new criminal laws have

pushed the inmate population to above !

million. More than 150 prisons were built last

day took a key weapon from companies accused of illegally dismissing employees, ruling remedies available to employ-

how much back pay they can receive, the court said.

Such laws seek to deter job

nedy wrote for the court. "I think it's a great victory," said Deborah Ellis of the National Organization for Wom-en's legal defense and education

fund. "It's a strong reaffirma-tion of anti-discrimination as a national value."

had these rulings: The High Court agreed to decide whether federal courts

have the authority to oversee negotiations between tribes and state officials about starting gambling operations. Federal appeals courts have split on that aspect of a 1988 federal law, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. It gave tribes new freedom to run big-money casi-uos, bingo halis and other gambling activities on their lands.

• In a 5-to-4 vote, it made federal court hearings easier to The ruling could affect thou- obtain for death-row inmates sands of cases across the United and other state prisoners who States in which employers are say newly discovered evidence accused of job discrimination proves they are not guilty. The based on age, race, sex or reli- court ruled that a Missouri death-row inmate may be entitled to a federal court hearing bias and compensate its vic- on his claim that a security vidtims, Justice Anthony M. Ken- cotape helps establish his innocence in the killing of a fellow

• It agreed to study a challenge to the way Virginia Republicans picked Oliver L. North as the party's candidate for the U.S. Senate last year. In other actions, the justices Republican Party, among other things, of imposing an illegal poll tax by requiring all delegates to the party's nominating convention last June to pay a \$45 fee.

The court allowed the families of the victims killed in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Scotland to proceed with claims for hundreds of millions of dollars in damages against the airline. The justices, without comment or dissent, denied an appeal by Pan

ry's finding that the airline can be held liable for "willful mis-conduct." The action cleared the way for more than 220 plaintiffs to proceed with individual claims seeking damages between \$1 million and \$15 mil- The court agreed to use the case of an Alabama man who won a \$2 million award because of undisclosed repairs to his new car to consider imposing

ruling last year upholding a ju-

court awards. The justices said they will bear BMW of North America's challenge of the award, made to a man who paid \$40,000 for a new BMW but who was not told the car had been partly repainted because of acid-rain damage.

constitutional limits on such

• It let stand a ruling freezing the estate of Ferdinand E. Marcos, the former president of the Philippines, in a lawsuit by victims said to have suffered torture or other atrocities under his rule. The class-action lawsuit in federal court in Hawaii involved claims on behalf of more than 10,000 victims.

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Stay on the Peace Track

Another double-digit killing of Israelis.

most of them soldiers, took place on
Sunday in a Palestinian suicide bombing near the Mediterranean resort town of Netanya. Responsibility for this bloody outrage was quickly claimed by the ter-rorist group known as Islamic Jihad. (Jihad operates, by the way, out of Damascus, with official Syrian hospitality. something that American officials cannot fail to keep in mind when they deal with Syria.). You could say the Netanya incident was just one more tragedy on a long road of tragedies. But there is a specific and painful topical significance to this one that needs to be better understood.

On an immediate political level, the continued killing of Israeli soldiers and civilians, especially within pre-1967 Israel, is having a corrosive effect on Israeli support for the country's peace talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization. Israeli President Ezer Weizman, not a hard-liner, said on Sunday that the talks must be suspended to induce Yasser Arafat to "make a bigger effort" to stop the Palestinian attacks. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's Labor government is under assault on various fronts, but his most severe difficulties arise from the difficulty of maintaining street-level security. An increasing number of Israelis ask why they must make concessions to a body of people, the Palestinians, who seek to kill them as individuals and undo them as a state. Many wonder if the very process of peace talks does not stir Palestinians to take to terrorism. The Likud opposition smells victory in elections due in a year.

But this is not the whole story. The terrorist group that acted at Netanya said the attack was a response to Israeli settlement activity and land confiscation in Jerusalem and the West Bank. By substituting murder for negotiation as a method and by stating as their objective the destruction of Israel, the terrorists lose all standing to make political claims. But the settlement issue remains live and legitimate for many other Palestinians who are

pro-peace. It is not enough for Israelis to repudiate compromise on grounds that the call for it comes from killers. The call also comes from the very Palestinians Israel has committed itself to make peace with. Just as Palestinian terrorism drains Israeli support for peace, so Israeli landtaking drains Palestinian support.

Israeli settlement activity is complex and hard to follow, but the fact is that it has gone on in different forms even since Labor, which is formally in favor of trading back land for peace, took over from the openly annexationist Likud party in 1992. The evident explanation is that Prime Minister Rabin lacks the political strength to keep settlement activity in balance with the needs of his negotiations with the Palestinians. Recently, Mr. Rabin has announced plans to keep new settlements and construction in old settlements in check. But there always seem to be loopholes - privately financed construction, for example.

Mr. Arafat is eager to quiet down the settlement issue and to focus on extending his limited-autonomy regime's day--day authority throughout the whole West Bank in preparation for early Pales-tinian elections. For him to seem to be sweeping this issue under the rug, however, exposes him to the telling nationalistic taunt that he is being taken for a ride. Palestinians ask how they can be expected to reach agreement with an Israeli government which, during a period supposedly devoted to loosening the Israeli grip on occupied territory, is actually lightening its hold in some ways.

The whole Israeli-Palestinian peace process is moving toward the edge. "There are difficulties," Mr. Rabin acknowledges. "The Israelis are bothered by the terror, the Palestinians by the settlements." Mr. Arafat understands this, too. But both need political support to do the right thing. The United States and others who want peace to work in the Middle East must encourage them to do it.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Worth a Try in Bosnia

The Clinton administration is right to pursue direct talks with the Bosnian Serbs, even though the Bosnian government objects and a Security Council resolution prohibits it.

Last summer the United States and other big powers handed the Bosnian government and the Bosnian Serbs what they called a take-it-or-leave-it peace map dividing Bosnia into almost equal ethnic zones. The Bosnian government. swallowing its principles about maintaining a multiethnic state, accepted the map. The Serbs, already holding far more territory than the map provided, rejected it.

At that point the major powers had into agreement, refusing all direct negotiation with them until they accepted the map. But Britain, France and Russia never intended to put pressure on the Serbs. The United States and Germany, meanwhile, never intended to make their partners live up to their word. So the war raged on until Jimmy Carter hinted to the Bosnian Serbs that the

The map cannot now be changed without the mapmakers negotiating with the Serbs, and among the mapmakers the United States is the most sympathetic to the Bosnian government. If the past is a guide, the Bosnian Serbs will demand more radical changes to the map than Washington can offer or Bosnia can accept. But it is worth the try. If these negotiations fail, Senator Bob

peace map might indeed be modified.

Dole and his Republican and Democratic allies are sure to insist on their plan to end U.S. participation in the Bosnian arms embargo as of May 1. At that point the administration, having en its best diplomatic shot, should ally itself with the Dole approach: first try to get the embargo lifted at the United Nations, and if necessary act on its own. If the United States can ignore Security Council resolutions to talk to the Bosnian Serbs, it can also ignore them to let an internationally abandoned Bosnia try to defend itself.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Suing Over Bonus Miles

cheered last week by a U.S. Supreme Court decision in a case involving their right to challenge airline policy changes on this popular program. It is much too soon to celebrate, though, because years of litigation could lie ahead and a consumer victory, if there is one, could turn

One out of four Americans who fly belong to frequent flier programs; some are affiliated with more than one carrier. Initiated in 1981 by American Airlines, these programs have been hugely successful in building brand loyalty and increasing passenger satisfaction. Although federal employees traveling on government business have to turn in their mileage to the government, most private employers look on this perk as a sweetener for workers who are on the road and away from their families a lot. The question of who owns mileage accrued by members of Congress is now being debated heatedly, with Republi-cans blocking efforts by Democrats to impose the government-wide turn-in requirement on elected officials.

Although they first offered these awards as a no-strings bonus, the airlines have always reserved the right to change the program's rules. In 1988 American Airlines did so, placing limits on the number of seats available to frequent fliers and creating blackout periods when the earned mileage could not be used. The new rules were applied

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sumers in Illinois to go to court alleging breach of contract.

Litigation on the initial question of whether suit was barred by a preemption clause in the governing federal statute has taken more than six years. But the Supreme Court's ruling in favor of the plaintiffs now clears the way for consideration of the central question: Can American, and other airlines now in the process of changing mileage requirements in their programs, make changes retroactively, or is that a breach of contract with their passengers?

It is a blow, we suppose, for a family to find out that a long-planned trip to some-place like Hawaii has to be postponed because the airline now wants 100,000 miles instead of the 75,000 already saved. or because the week chosen has been blacked out or the limited number of seats available have already been taken. But frequent fliers will not get much sympathy from neighbors whose jobs offer no opportunity to accumulate mileage at all. rtainly there is no empathy on the part of the airlines, who thought they had complete control over the allocation of what is surely a generous freebie. The courts will now decide whether damages are live those harmed by retroactive changes. But this lawsuit is not without risk for consumers; in the long run, whether they win or lose this case, the airlines control the future of the program in every respect.

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How the Nonproliferation Treaty Abets Proliferation

WASHINGTON — Since the flap over Iran's nuclear weapons program crupted two weeks ago, no one has asked the right question. The paramount concern is not whether it will take Iran five or 15 years to succeed (or five weeks, if it can buy or steal a weapon in Russia). The point is that after Iraq and North Korea, yet another country may be getting away with using its membership in the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty to support an illegal weapons program.

That the issue has not even come up is itself shocking. It says that respect for the treaty is at such a low ebb that there is nothing surprising, nothing to stop us in our mental tracks, in the fact of a signa-

tory pursuing nuclear weapons.
It means that the international community never learned or has already forgotten the take-home lesson from the failure to catch Iraq and North Korea: that while the nonproliferation treaty is crucial to containing nuclear proliferation, it is also crucially flawed.

The flaw lies in the fact that under the treaty it is legal to do lots of things that move a nation to the brink of a nuclear weapons capability, such as acquiring stockpiles of weapons fuel. That means that strict treaty compliance is not enough to protect international security.

Even full-scope safeguards, including the celebrated special inspections that allow inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency to visit undeBy Jessica Mathews

clared facilities, and which tripped up North Korea, are not enough. What matters is a country's intentions.

Iran has submitted to special inspections. Whatever facilities the IAEA has been able to get wind of have been visited and found to be O.K. Yet because Iranian leaders have often urged that Islamic countries should have nuclear weapons, and because of repeated purchases and attempted purchases by Iranian agents of weapons-related technology, U.S. and Israeli intelligence have little doubt that Tehran is pursuing nuclear weapons.

Also weighing in the balance are Iran's evident desire to militarily dominate the region and an aggressive missile program supported by China and North Korea. Here is the rub. Iran is technically, and

in all the ways that are openly measurable, in compliance with the nonproliferation treaty. That means that under the treaty's Article 4 Iran is entitled to nuclear cooperation - exports of material and techno-

logy — from other treaty members.

At the same time, the United States has good reason to believe that Iran is violating the essence of its treaty pledge, and so it has been trying to persuade all countries to forbid nuclear exports to it.

Tehran then argues that it is being made an Article 4 victim, stirring up the resentment against the treaty that always lies just beneath the surface among non-nuclear states because the treaty is inherently (and unavoidably) discriminatory.

This is happening just as the treaty reaches the end of its 25-year life and must be extended by international agreement or allowed to expire. Tehran has skillfully persuaded most of the nonaligned countries to turn its special case into a generic issue, urging that countries vote against the treaty's extension unless the use of export controls against a country in compliance with the treaty is made illegal.

The issue could tie the April extension conference into knots and perhaps even block a final vote on the treaty's future.

The United States faces the difficult task of convincing other countries of the strength of its case against Iran without jeopardizing sensitive intelligence sources. Even if it is willing to risk a great deal in this regard, there will be no clear-cut proof. Intentions are very difficult to prove until turned into steel and concrete. But the lesson of Iraq and North Ko-

weapons program is to be too late. Washington can help itself by pointing to the early signs in both these cases that indicated weapons programs a decade or more before the crisis and were ignored. In 1980, for example, Iraq bought 25 tons of depleted uranium, a substance with virtually only one use — making plutoni-um. Baghdad cooked up a cover story and the world swallowed it. Iraq was,

after all, a treaty party in good standing. The United States will have to use every ounce of its leadership to remind all the treaty parties that the treaty is not a contest between the nuclear haves and havenots, but a collective effort to improve all countries' security. The treaty's business is not equality or international civil

rights, but containing a dreadful threat.
To succeed, the Clinton administration should upgrade its representation at the treaty conference. As of now it will be represented by an official of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, an agency the State Department has just proposed to abolish. This message should be delivered by the secretary of state.

He should be supported by photos or transcripts of whatever intelligence can be divulged, in the same way that the Kennedy administration used its evi-dence of nuclear missiles in Cuba.

Washington's message should be that Iran's price for treaty extension is too high. It would turn the treaty from an important contributor to security to an rea is that to wait for such evidence of a actual detriment by removing one of the few tools that can be used to correct the flaw that Iraq and North Korea exposed. It would establish a new norm that only actions can be judged, not intentions.

If other countries don't see it that way. the issue is important enough for the United States to be prepared to stand alone, for as long as it takes.

The Washington Post.

Congress Shouldn't Rush to Turn Off the Help for Mexico and Russia

WASHINGTON — The new Republican majorities in the House and Senate did not come to Washington promising to fix fi-nancial crisis in Mexico or Russian war in Chechnya. But these are urgent items on the legislative agenda. They will force the Dole-Gingrich Congress to deal with an enduring fact of life: friendly governments that embarrass, outrage

or endanger Washington. The administration seeks a \$40 billion Band-Aid of loan guarantees for Mexico. Opposition has surfaced in Congress, where many want draconian controls over Mexican immigration, budgeting and politics in return for loan guarantees. Many members of Congress feel less charitable toward (and less politically exposed on) Mexico than does Bill Clinton, who fought hard for NAFTA. The doubters ask why the Zedillo government should be protected when American investors in Orange County and elsewhere are not indemnified for their mistakes.

By Jim Hoagland The circumstances in Mexico

are depressingly clear in retrospect. The government's surprise devaluation of the peso was much more than clumsy. Mexico's actions reek of stupidity, mismanagement and political chicanery.

The outgoing Salinas govern-ment delayed devaluation in the election year of 1994 as another way of buying one more election for the Institutional Revolutionary Party. That course was easier than resolving the political instability that surfaced in assassinations and revolts that led to an investor bailout and the devaluation.

This background should inspire great caution in U.S. decisions to put new money into Mexico. The overriding condition that Congress must demand is that this new money will stay in Mexico. It must be channeled into infrastructure investment rather than simply pay off investors who would be tempted to ship the money back to

the United States in Miami bank

accounts or U.S. bonds. Discreet but tight U.S. financial control over the way the Mexican government handles credit now is a necessary and acceptable condition for the loan guarantees. So is increased Mexican cooperation in limiting immigration to the United States that will be spurred by the peso devaluation.

The aim should be not to punish

Mexico for recent actions, deplorable as those are, but to help it live up to the obligations it has under-taken. As a result of the peso crisis. the Zedillo government has made promises of significant democratization for the future to get workers to accept austerity now. These promises could turn out to be lies or illusions. But the government's actions since coming to office suggest instead that it has started a forced march toward democracy.

U.S. involvement can help keep the Zedillo presidency on that

route, if humiliating conditions do not create a nationalistic backlash that makes "imperialism" the issue

instead of the economy. That is the broader point that Congress will want to consider as it debates the loan guarantees and then turns to new financial aid for Russia, which has embarrassed itself and its allies with its stupidity (and brutality) in Chechnya.

Chechnya, and Boris Yeltsin's pronounced turn away from the constitution and democratic institutions that his reform movement created, have exhausted the reservoir of confidence he once enjoyed. U.S. support is now conditional. Secretary of State Warren Christopher said as much to his Russian counterpart, Andrei Kozyrev, in Geneva recently. If Mr. Yeltsin wants to contin-

ue to be warmly welcomed at the Group of Seven industrial summit, to receive significant Western aid and be a part of the world leadership club, he must now greatly reduce the violence in

Chechnya, declare victory and turn his attention back to reform.

He can still do that, in Mr. Christopher's view. But Chechnya offers a window of opportunity for

ticular. They promise a thorough scrutiny of new aid to Russia.
It would be premature for Congress to declare Mexico or Russia unworthy of American help. They have not disproved their commitment to democracy in the way China or Iraq has. Their futures

those who want to slash foreign aid in general or have lost faith in

Russia's democratic future in par-

still can be influenced positively by help from the outside. Unhappy governments are un-happy in their own different ways, to paraphrase Tolstoy's famous beginning of "Anna Kar-enina." U.S. reactions must be tailored to the fundamental nature of the governments that create problems. It seems an obvious point, but there is always a temp-

tation to rush past the obvious. The Washington Post.

Brutal Fiasco in Grozny but Victory for Honest News in Moscow

DURHAM, North Carolina — If there is one redeeming feature in President Boris Yeltsin's blunder in Chechnya, it is the nearly miraculous coming of age of an independent, aggressive and professional Russian journalism — especially in television, the prime news medium.

A highly motivated news corps is win-

ning the battle for freedom of the press, and it took the tragedy of Chechnya. Russia's evolving media are not perfect. The news is not always objective, free of corruption or adequately financed. And the media must operate with few real legal protections in a country where broadcast signals depend on transmitters and satellites owned and controlled by the state. Despite such conditions, the news from Chechnya

has been remarkably comprehensive. It has not been easy, given the Govern-ment Press Center's thin handouts, which reflect the cynicism of hacks trying to please their superiors. The official version of the conflict often is ludicrously at odds with firsthand reports from the front. No wonder that in opinion polls taken by the sociologist Vsevolod Vilchek, respondents rejected all the official reasons advanced for the assault.

By Ellen Mickiewicz and Dee Reid

The government's failure to develop even a barely adequate information policy suggests how poorly planned the Chechnya operation was and how remote Mr. Yeltsin's advisers are from the expectations of television viewers and the motivations of new investigative reporters.

for Channel I, the main state channel, told us candidly that it was difficult to maintain credibility in light of the government's paucity of information. No one we spoke with in Moscow early this month is satisfied with the government's performance in providing information about the war.

Oleg Dobrodeyev, news director for NTV, a major new independent broadcast company based in Moscow, said: "For the first time, there is unanimous agreement about the stupidity and wrongness of official information. A recent guest on Channel 1's "Person

of the Week" program was NTV's presi-

Even Gennadi Shipitko, news director

dent, Igor Malashenko. He described government threats he has received since the beginning of the conflict. The host, Elena Sarkisian, praised NTV's coverage in the face of the criticism. Privately owned television was fully prepared to cover Chechnya. NTV sent two

groups of reporters to Grozny three weeks before any other Russian television station. The footage was dramatic. Mr. Dobrodeyev told us that NTV showed pictures of the carnage not to sen-

sationalize the conflict but to substantiate factual reporting in the face of intense government scrutiny of the channel. While we were at NTV, it received notice that its activities were "under discussion" by the National Security Council,

Mr. Yeltsin's powerful executive body. Perhaps even more surprising than the first-rate coverage on private television has been the increasingly independent reporting from state-owned Channel 2,

after a gray beginning.

During the early days of the conflict.

"Vesti." Channel 2's prime-time news program, relied primarily on government

handouts. But very soon the feisty president. Oleg Poptsov, and his anchors and reporters were underscoring the divergence between the real news and the official version.

Viewership of Channel 2 soured. But Mr. Poptsov's uncertain fate tells another important part of the story of Russian television. Sergei Kovalyov, chairman of President Yeltsin's commission on human rights, told the media that Mr. Yeltsin had signed a directive to dismiss Mr. Poptsov.

The order never materialized, no doubt as a result of television coverage of the story and strong support for Mr. Poptsov from colleagues at Channel 2 and other stations. Still, the threat continues.

Despite such pressures, journalists are providing a range of news never available before, precisely because they understand what is at stake. So far, an emerging press freedom is the only victory of the war.

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Add American Leverage to Help Algerians Move Toward Democracy

PARIS - The further Algeria slides toward civil war, the greater the chance that the ultimate victor will be either a brutal military dictatorship or a radical Islamist regime. In either event, American interests in Arab-Israeli peace and regional stability in the crucial Middle East region would receive a sharp setback.

France is not alone in its concern about developments in its former colony. Spain, Italy and the rest of the European Union worry about the waves of immi-grants who might flee an Islamist regime. With large Muslim populations already in Europe, they also fear that the Algerian war could cross the Mediterranean.

spreading violence and terrorism. The Christmas Eve Airbus hijacking was a reminder of Europe's vulnerability. A French official says the climate of opinion in France is comparable to what Americans would have felt in the 1950s if Mexico had been on the verge of a Communist revolution. combined with California's current anxieties about immigrants.

The French are determined to do all they can to prevent an Islamic takeover in Algeria. A year ago, one official estimate saw the Islamist party coming to power by the end of 1994, but an early victory no longer seems imminent. The regime's harsh mensures have had some effect, at least for the short term, but the French remain skeptical that the crisis can be resolved on the battlefield. Increasingly, the French are pushing political dialogue among those seeking democracy as the path to civil peace.

The United States should try to

By Andrew J. Pierre and William B. Quandt

act in concert with France and the rest of Europe in support of Algerian democracy. While Americans may not think they have much influence over events in Algeria, that is decidedly not the case among French and Algerians. who parse each phrase coming from official Washington. This argues in favor of a carefully crafted American policy, combining words and deeds in a way that will further the embryonic chances for

a political settlement. France by itself is limited in what it can do. The cloud of colonial history and war hangs over the French-Algerian relationship and makes any French unilateral move particularly suspect. Algerians of all stripes are acutely sensitive to any sign that foreigners are trying to dictate their future.

Still, leverage exists precisely because any Algerian regime will depend on solid relations with France and Europe, and to a lesser extent with the United States. Thus, a coordinated policy among all these external parties could help to strengthen the chance of Algerian democracy.

As the United States stakes out its position, several points are of particular importance:

A high-level American official should convey to Paris, the Algerian regime and opposition groups the United States' strong support for the end of violence through political dialogue between the military government and opposition forces. Algerians should be urged to begin a transitional process designed to create a legitimate govemment through free presidential and parliamentary elections. The Sant'Egidio document represents one step in this direction, and the regime's own commitment to early elections is another potentially positive element. One may doubt the sincerity of some in the opposition and some in the regime who have spoken of democratic processes, but each side should now put the other to the test by engaging in serious talks. Donors should coordinate their

policies on aid and debt relief. both of which the regime very much needs. Algeria has, surprisingly, been making substantial progress with economic reforms, and the International Monetary Fund will link future aid to continued progress on this front. A decision on new credits will be made in March. Setting explicit political conditions would be difficult, but both sides should clearly hear the message that a democratically elected regime in Algeria will be able to count on increased financial support from the West.

If elections are to be held, the United States, together with the European Union, should stand ready to help to ensure that the process is honest. Since the military government canceled what would have been the second round of parliamentary elections three years ago, it is particularly important that future elections be seen as legitimate. Some Algerians will be skeptical of international election monitors, but the United States should encourage observa-tion of the process by the international press and other groups that don't have a stake in the outcome.

None of this will lead anywhere unless the vast majority of Algerians, who are fed up with the violence, are willing to raise their voices in support of a political solution. The hard-liners in the regime and the opposition can be expected to reject compromise and to continue the fighting, perhaps with even more spectacular and bloody results. But the odds are that neither can win on the battlefield, and the logic of a political settlement will eventually take hold. An end to the Algerian civil war will happen sooner if those

couraged by the international community. An escalating civil war will surely threaten Western interests. Algeria may not vie with Bosnia or Chechnya on Western television screens, but the stakes are comparably high.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1895: Brainless Frog

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NEW YORK --- A brainless frog was the feature of interest at the last session of the Association of American Anatomists. It was exhibited by Dr. Burt G. Wilder of Cornell University. It was a goodsized lusty looking batrachian, and it was in a bottle. Dr. Wilder handled the bottle gingerly while he explained that he had taken the frog's brain out. All the men of science gathered around and examined the scar behind the frog's left ear, where the brain had been taken out. It is said that he may live for seven or eight

months without a brain. 1920: Prescribe Whiskey

NEW YORK -The epidemic of influenza is spreading rapidly, both in this city and Chicago. where new victims number thousands. Health commisioner Cope-

land of New York has appealed to the prohibition officials for the sale of whiskey by physicians and druggists as a means of fighting the disease. Commissioner Cope-land said: "The appeal is not founded on any personal opinion. but because many reputable physicians feel it is an important drug and should be made available."

1945: Oder Reached

LONDON -- Russia announced tonight [Jan, 23] that its troops had reached the Oder River, the last natural defense line before Berlin, on a front of thirty-seven miles in the area of Breslau, capital of Silesia and one of the Reich's most important industrial centers. Marshal Josef Stalin announced the capture of the big communications junction of Bromberg and ten strongholds in East Prussia. Over half of East Prussia now is in Russian hands.



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Quiet Forward Movement In the Whitewater Inquiry

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — Why has Senate were shared with the Senate. Senator Alfonse D'Amato, the "We want the rest of the Clintons' "We want the rest of the Clintons' the farcical House hearings, fallen mittee will issue a subpoena. silent now that he and Mr. D'Amato

Law enforcement sources sa and Senate banking committees? Interviews with both men and

The next phase of Senate hearings, on the Foster documents, is likely to begin in April.

is under way by the independent counsel Kenneth Starr, and that each of their committees is getting traction in its own inquiries.

In case you've forgotten, here is the suspicion at the heart of Whitewater: that the Clintons used the influence of the Arkansas state- bullet or skull fragments were found, house to bilk funds out of a federally insured S&L; unlawfully used a real estate venture as a conduit for that ate hearings - on the Foster documoney to their political campaigns; and later - in the White House were served by aides who blocked investigations by the Justice Depart- a comprehensive hearing in June. ment and Congress into the financial

Clinton-appointed counsel Robert of Information Act suit to pry tightly Fiske, was discredited in the Senate held papers out of the Office of Thrift hearings when Mr. D'Amato un-Supervision and the Resolution Trust earthed dozens of improper con- Corporation. Mr. Leach is pleased tacts, overlooked by Mr. Fiske, be- with the result: "We were provided tween White House and Treasury with a 'Vaughan index' and we are officials. That contradictory sworn now seeking full documentation." testimony is now being reviewed by the special prosecutor. Was justice throat. "The web of entanglement is obstructed as criminal referrals lan- not necessarily deadly," Mr. Leach guished and a friendly prosecutor says. "We're seeking full disclosure was appointed in Little Rock? If and public accountability. Then, anybody knows, it should be Web- and only then, could there be a resoster Hubbell, the Clinton intimate at lution. It would be credible to deal Justice who recently copped a felony with the first family with civil law."

Plea in exchange for information Republicans less charitable than

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tiger of Senate Whitewater hearings, testimony," Mr. D'Amato says; he suddenly appeared to turn into a does not consider the deposition, judicious pussycar? Why has Representative Jim Leach, anguished and frustrated accuser of the Clintons in the favoient Hause that the favoient Hause t

Law enforcement sources say that have become chairmen of the House Mr. Starr is expected to complete the study of documents found in Mr. Foster's office in three weeks. Senate others suggest this answer: They are satisfied that a serious investigation investigators will want to trace the travels of these Whitewater records through Hillary Clinton's posses-sion after Mr. Foster's death. (One witness reported seeing a briefcase

on Mr. Foster's car in Fort Marcy Park, where the body was found.) Mr. Fiske's "review" of the Park Police's inept Foster investigation was cursory, not brought before a grand jury, and his Clinton-friendly conclusion that Mr. Foster's state of mind was unrelated to Whitewater is ludicrous. Mr. Starr is apparently not taking the suicide theory as gospel; Park Police witnesses have been complaining about the severity of their examination by prosecutor Miguel Rodriguez before a grand jury. No suggesting that the body may have been moved. The next phase of Senments, or what is left of them - is likely to begin in April.

In the House, Mr. Leach hopes for "With no publicity," he says, "we had dealings that helped them into office. some court action and we are now A serious and current concern, if true; not just noise about a decade-old land deal in which everybody lost money, as the Clintons contend.

Starting to receive certain documents." A federal judge, eager to avoid adjudicating a clash between the White House and Congress, sug-The earlier investigation, by the gested that the House use a Freedom

He is going for the truth, not the

that might implicate the Clintons. Mr. Leach agree. They want to get to the bottom of this because the sysmittee is seeking the depositions tem requires it, but they don't want taken of the president and his wife to strike down Bill Clinton's presiin the White House by Mr. Fiske. dency. They want him right where These are in White House hands, and he is so they can run against him. The New York Times.

Six Enviro-Myths You Can Stop Believing

ANN ARBOR, Michigan — We recently participated in an environmental festival at the Mall of America in Bloomington, Minnesota, the largest indoor shopping cen-ter in America. After speaking with thou-sands of parents, children and teachers, we were appalled at the public's wealth of envi-

ronmental misunderstanding.

We were equally chagrined by the superficiality of what we heard, and have coined a new term for this type of sound-bite-based, factoid-heavy understanding: eco-glibberish. Here are half a dozen examples.

One: Recycling is the key.

Actually, recycling is one of the least important things we can do, if our real objective is to conserve resources.

Remember the phrase "reduce, reuse and recycle"? Reduce comes first for a good reason: It's better not to create waste than to

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have to figure out what to do with it. And recycling, like any other form of manufacturing, uses energy and other resources while creating pollution and greenhouse gases.

Rather, we need to make products more durable, lighter, more energy efficient and easier to repair rather than to replace. Finally, we need to reduce and reuse packaging. Two: Garbage will overwhelm us.

The original garbage crisis occurred when people first settled down to farm and could no longer leave their campsites after their garbage grew too deep. Since then, every society has had to figure out what to do with discards. That something was usually un-healthy, odiferous and ugly — throwing garbage in the streets, piling it up just outside of town, incorporating it into structures or

simply setting it on fire.

Today we can design history's and the world's safest recycling facilities, landfills and incinerators. America even has a glut of landfill capacity, thanks to the fact that we have been building large regional landfills to replace older, smaller local dumps.

By Robert M. Lilienfeld and William L. Rathje

The problem is political. No one wants to spend money on just getting rid of garbage or to have a garbage site in the backyard. The obvious solution is to stop generating so much garbage in the first place. Doing so requires both the knowledge and the selfdiscipline to conserve energy and do more with less stuff.

Three: Industry is to blame. No, it's all people's fault. Certainly indus-try has played a significant role in destroying habitats, generating pollution and depleting resources. But we are the ones who signal to businesses that what they are doing is acceptole — every time we open our wallets.

And don't just blame industrial societies.

In his recent book "Earth Politics," Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker wrote that "perhaps 90 percent of the extinction of species, soil erosion, forest and wilderness destruction and also desertification are taking place in developing countries." Thus, even nonindustrialized, subsistence economies are creating environmental havoc.

Four: The earth is in peril. Frankly, the earth doesn't need to be saved. Nature doesn't give a hoot if human

beings are here or not. The planet has survived cataclysmic changes for millions upon millions of years. Over that time, it is widely believed, 99 percent of all species have come and gone while the planet has remained. Saving the environment is really about saving our environment — making it safe for

ourselves, our children and the world as we know it. If more people saw the issue as one of saving themselves, we would probably see increased motivation and commitment to actually doing so.

Five: Packaging is the problem. If you were to examine a dumpster of garbage from the 1950s and a dumpster of garbage from the 1980s, you would find more discarded packaging in the first one. al boxes and canned goods.

Packaging has actually decreased as a pro-portion of all solid wastes — from more than half in the 1950s to just over one-third today. One reason is that there was more of other kinds of wastes (old appliances, magazines, office paper) in the 1980s. But the main causes

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were two changes in the packaging industry. First, the heavy metal cans and glass bottles of the 1950s gave way to far lighter and more crushable containers — about 22 percent lighter by the 1980s. At the same time, many metal and glass containers were replaced by paper boxes and plastic bottles and bins, which are even lighter and more crushable.

Second, the carrying capacity of packages

— the quantity of product that can be delivered per ounce of packaging material—
increased hugely. Glass, for example, has a
carrying capacity of 1.2, meaning that 1.2
fluid ounces of milk or juice are delivered for every ounce of glass in which they are contained. Plastic containers have a carrying capacity of about 30.

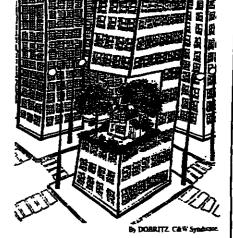
Six: Americans are wasting more.

The myth has it that Americans are overconsumers, since the per capita creation of solid waste continues to climb. Each person generates about 4.4 pounds of garbage a day -a number that has been growing steadily. The implication is that we partake in an unstoppable orgy of consumption.

In reality, increases in solid waste are based largely on the mathematics of house-holds, not individuals. That is because regardless of the size of a household, fixed

activities and purchases generate trash. As new households form, they create additional garbage. Think about a couple going through a divorce. Once there was one home. Now there are two. Building that second house or condo used lots of resources and created lots of construction debris.

Where once there was one set of furniture, one washing machine and one refrigerator, now there are two. Each refrigerator contains milk cartons, meat wrappers and packages of mixed vegetables. Each pantry contains cere-



Census Bureau numbers tell this story: From 1972 to 1987, the U.S. population grew by 16 percent, while the number of house-holds grew by 35 percent. Municipal solid waste increased by 35 percent, too.

If Americans were really creating more trash by overindulging, we would be spending more on trash-generating items: nondurable goods like food and cosmetics. These all generate lots of garbage, since they are used and discarded quickly, along with their packaging. But household expenditures for nondurable goods, as measured in constant dollars, declined slightly from 1972 to 1987.

Yes, the earth's resources are finite; habitats are being destroyed; biodiversity is declining; consumption of resources is expanding. But we must be less willing to accept glib, ideological pronouncements of right and wrong, cause and effect. To truly change the world for the better, we need more facts, not simply more faith.

The writers publish "The ULS Report" (for Use Less Stuff), a newsletter about preventing waste. They contributed this comment to The New York Times.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Smoke From Grozny

However we might wish it so, Russia is no benign democracy. For those who have clung to this illusion, let the smoke wafting from the calamity of Chechnya be your wake up call. It is too soon to have beaten our swords into plowshares; it is too soon for America to sail home from NATO.

R. L. MARKLEY. Rignat, France.

Liberties With Music

The United States wants Beijing to crack down on sales of pirated

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governmental efforts, pirated disks are still widely available in Beijing and are being copied almost perfectly. The disk does not come with the complete information booklet, only a color photocopy of the front and back. But this is a small matter considering that disks can be purchased for as little as 10 yuan. Legally im-ported CDs cost 120 yuan, far too much for the average Chinese.

If the United States succeeds in forcing Beijing to completely eliminate pirating of compact disks, it will place what is arguably the most pop-ular form of entertainment in the world out of reach for the Chinese.

create a larger fan base in China and the rest of the world by lowering the price of CDs, making music accessible, legally, to millions.

STEVE CHIU.

Czech Health Care on Mend

The article "East Europe Health Care, Out of Cash, Has Relapse" (IHT. Nov. 25) paints a universally bleak picture that is unfair to the Czech Republic. Having worked extensively with health care facilities there over the past three years in my former capacity as medical compact disks. But despite strong Record companies would do well to adviser to the health programs of

the U.S. Agency for International Development, I have seen signifi-cant progress in all aspects of health care from clinical services

and delivery to financing.
In the Czech Republic, there is excellent cooperation among physicians, hospitals, outpatient facilities and the Ministry of Health regarding the utilization of facilities and technologies, including the imple-

mentation of a well-developed med-

ical quality assurance program. An interesting aspect of the program is the development of patient satisfaction surveys with the goals of increased public awareness of health care services and specific suggestions to health care professionals for their improvement. Public educa-tion regarding the importance of lifestyle in prevention of disease. particularly cardiovascular disease,

is an important focus. RICHARD G. FARMER, M. D.

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BOOKS

THE REVOLT OF THE volt of the Elites and the Be-ELITES AND THE BE-TRAYAL OF DEMOCRACY By Christopher Lasch, 276 pages. \$22. W. W. Norton & Co.

Reviewed by Michiko Kakutani

F the title of Christopher Lasch's final book, "The Re-

trayal of Democracy," sounds vaguely familiar, it's probably because the book reverberates with echoes of former Vice President Dan Quayle's heated 1992 attack on the "cultural

"The cultural elites respect neither tradition nor standards," he declared. "They be-lieve that moral truths are relative and all 'life styles' are

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By Robert Byrne TOWADAYS players of the Now ADAYS players of the Sicilian are eager to provoke a dangerous gambit with 7...e5 8 Nf5 g6 9 g5 gf 10 ef!? d5 11 gf d4 12 Bc4!?, which often

In such a situation as the one

reached after 9 Be2, Black cannot play passively with 9...Be7 10 h4 O-O because 11 g5 will tear open the king position. Accordingly, Garry Kasparov broke open the center with 9...e5 10 Nf5 g6 11 Ng3 ef 12 Bf4 Be6. The post-World War II theory is that while the d6 pawn becomes weak, the black pieces will get counterbalancing activity and the white pawns at e4 and g4 lack mobility.

Veselin Topalov's 13 Rfl dis-couraged 13...d5 because 14 ed (but not 14 e5 Nd7 15 Nd5 Qa5! 16 Nc3 Nde5, with superior piece play for Black) Nd5 15 Nd5 Bd5 16 Bf3 Bf3 17 Qf3 Bg7 18 Bd6! Qd6 19 Qf7 Kd8 20 Qg7 is advantageous for White.

Kasparov probably rejected 13...Qb6 because 14 Qd2!? Bg4 15 Be3 Qd8 16 Rf6! Be2 17 Nd5! Bg4 18 Bb6 is crushing. Moreover, 14...Ng4 15 Bg4 Bg4 16 Be3 Qa5 17 Nd5! Qd2 18 Kd2 O-O-O 19 Bb6 Rd7 20 Nf6 Be6 21 Nd7 Kd7 yields White a rook for a bishop and pawn.

Kasparov sacrificed a pawn

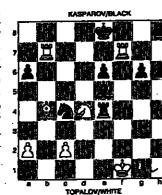
game is lost.

with 15...Bg7 16 Bd6 to set up a

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sharp knight sacrifice with 16...Ng4 17 Bg4 Qb2. Maybe Topalov could have retained his booty with 18 Nge2 Qa1 19 Kf2 Qb2 20 Rb1 Qb1 21 Nb1 Rd8 22 Qf4, but he gave back the piece at ouce with 18 e5!? Ne5 18 Rb1 Cot 20 Cot 3 Rc1 to take 19 Rb1 Qc3 20 Qc3 Rc3 to take control of the seventh rank with 21 Be6 fe 22 Rb7!



Position after 27 . . . Re4

Kasparov could not well defend by 22...Rg3 23 Rg7 Re3 24 Kd1 Re4 25 Kc1 Nc4 26 Rb7 Nd6 27 Rb8 Kd7 28 Rh8 Rh4 29 Rh7 Kc6 30 Rf6 Kd5 because, after 31 Rg6, Black's en-

But his 22...No4 also proved insufficient after 23 Bb4 Re3 24 Ne2 Be5 25 Rff7 Rh3 26 Nd4! Thus, 26...Nd6 27 Rbe7 Kd8 28 Nc6 Kc8 sets up 29 Rc7 mate. Kasparov tried 26...Re3 27

Kf1 Re4, but then Topalov's 28 Rfe7! Kd8 29 Nc6 forced him to give up in the face of 29...Kc8 30 Na7 Kd8 31 Rbd7 mate. SICILIAN DEFENSE White Topalov 1 e4 2 N13 3 d4 4 Nd4 5 Nc3 6 Be3 7 64 8 14 9 Be2 18 N15 11 Ng3 12 Bl4 13 Rf1 14 h3 15 Qd2 16 Bd8 17 Bd 18 Bd 19 Rb1 20 Bd6 22 Rb7 23 Bb4 24 Rb7 25 Rd4 27 R

equal. They seem to think the family is an arbitrary arrangement of people who decide to live under the same roof, that cynicism and apathy, the deterioration of schools, and the fragmentation of families.

"The mounting evidence of fathers are dispensable and that widespread inefficiency and parents need not be married or corruption," writes Lasch, "the even of opposite sexes. They are decline of American productivi-

Lasch, the author of such ear-lier books as "The Culture of facturing, the deterioration of Narcissism" (1979) and "The our country's material infra-True and Only Heaven" (1991), structure, the squalid condiemploys remarkably similar artions in our crime-ridden cities, guments in this volume, garthe alarming and disgraceful nishing them with highfalutin growth of poverty and the widreferences to assorted philoso-phers and historians. He died in ty and wealth, which is morally February last year just after completing this book.

Lasch defines "the thinking ments, the ominous import of classes" as "those who control which can no longer be ignored

the international flow of money or concealed, have reopened the and information, preside over historic debate about democraand information, preside over instoric debate about democraphilanthropic foundations and institutions of higher learning, manage the instruments of cultural production and thus set the terms of public debate."

"For many people," he writes, "the very term 'Western the present rate."

While anatomizing America's problems lasty makes

an organized system of domina- ca's problems, Lasch makes tion designed to enforce confor- some valid points about the inmity to bourgeois values and to creasingly hermetic nature of keep the victims of patriarchal academia, the dangers of relaoppression—women, children, tivistic thinking and the decay homosexuals, people of color— of civic life. Unfortunately, in a permanent state of subjec- most of his observations never

In Lasch's opinion, members of complaint. Instead of seriof this cultural elite are not only ously analyzing a problem and out of touch with mainstream, soberly considering consetraditional values but have also quences and solutions, he al-"removed themselves from the lows his narrative to devolve common life" by sending their into whiny generalizations, children to private schools and half-baked assumptions and hiring "private security guards petty put-downs. to protect themselves against the mounting violence against them."

For instance, on the growing phenomenon of two-income families, he snappishly declares: "It is unnecessary, inci-

from everyday life, combined dentally, to seek much further from everyday life, combined with the decline of the middle for an explanation of femiclass and the loss of a shared nism's appeal to the professione threatens to alter the very shape of democracy in America.

Like his earlier books, "The Revolt of the Elites" is filled with lists of problems besetting contemporary America: the disappearance of traditional neighborhoods, the spread of staff of The New York Times.

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tory are written from the perspective of the conquerors or the conquered, but Thomas is more objective. He pays close atten-tion to historical fact and has produced an extremely interest-ing book." (Al Goodman, 1HT)



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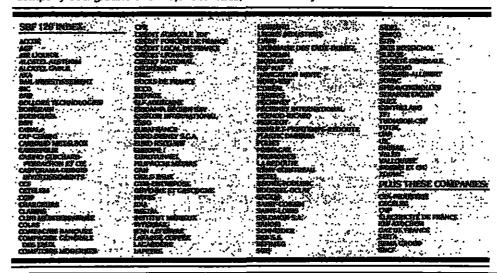
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U.S. Bosnia Envoy At Center of Dispute

Ambassador Said to Obstruct Direct Talks With the Serbs

By Roger Cohen
New York Times Service

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Sharp dissent has emerged at the U.S. Embassy in Sarajevo over the Clinton administration's decision to change its policy and engage in direct negotiations with the Bosnian Serbs despite their rejection of an international

peace plan. The dissent centered on what an official described as attempts by the State Department to oust the U.S. ambassador to Bosnia, Victor Jackovich, who rejects direct talks with the Serbs until they accept the peace plan. He was recalled to Washington on Wednesday for what were officially described as "consultations."

"These are not consulta-tions," said the official. They have offered Mr. Jackovich another ambassadorship, and they are trying to ease him out because he opposes bringing the Serbs to the negotiating table in

[A State Department spokeswoman, Christine Shelly, said Monday that Mr. Jackovich supported U.S. policy on Bosnia. "There is a moment of opportunity with the cessation of hostilities." Ms. Shelly said.

[Ms. Shelly said the purpose Mr. Jackovich's trip to Washington was to make prep-

Sarajevo Supplies To Resume Feb. 1

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Bosnian government and Serbian officials agreed Monday to reopen Sarajevo supply routes by Feb. 1.

Restoring the roads to civilian and humanitarian traffic is stipulated in a four-month truce that was negotiated at the start

of the year.
"I think the fact that the cease-fire and the cessation of hostilities have lasted as well as they have for over three weeks now shows a very serious intent by the parties to return their people to normalized living."
said the outgoing United Nations commander in Bosnia, Sir (AFP, AP) Michael Rose.

arations for a visit later in the week by Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic of Bosnia. She said Mr. Jackovich probably would return to Sarajevo, although she added that the assignment was a difficult one and that the ambassador may make other ca-

Charles H. Thomas, the U.S. reer plans.] envoy to Bosnian peace negotiations, carried out the new U.S. policy on Sunday by going to the Bosnian Serbs' stronghold of Pale and meeting with their leader, Radovan Karadzic, The change in policy was an-nounced on Thursday in a letter from Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher to the president of Bosnia, Alija Izetbegovic.

In contrast to his previous visits, Mr. Thomas was not accompanied by officials from Russia, Britain, France and Germany, the countries that. with the United States, make up what diplomats call the Contact Group. In effect, the United States has taken the lead in

talks with the Serbs. Until last month, when cracks began to appear in the Clinton administration's policy isolating the Bosnian Serbs until they accepted the Contact Group plan, such visits to Pale

Mr. Jackovich stood strongly behind the policy of using diplomatic isolation, military threats and economic pressure to compel the Serbs to bend. But on Thursday, the day af-

ter Mr. Jackovich was recalled to Washington, his deputy at the embassy. John Menzies, went to Pale for unpublicized talks with the Bosnian Serbs. It was on Thursday that Mr. Christopher's letter to Mr. Izetbegovic arrived, explaining that the United States had decided "to resume a dialogue with Pale" because of the new opportunities afforded by a fourmonth cease-fire that went into

effect on Jan. 1. So even before Mr. Izetbegovic, who was then in Cairo, had time to respond to Mr. Christopher's letter, the ranking U.S. diplomat in Sarajevo had gone to Pale. The town near Sarajevo is the capital of what the rebel Serbs in Bosnia call their republic. The Serbs hold 70 percent of Bosnian territory.

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By R. Jeffrey Smith

WASHINGTON — Republican lawmakers have introduced legislation that would almost certainly terminate direct American funding of more than a dozen United Nations peacekeeping operations in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Central America.

The proposal, which constitutes a major challenge to the Clinton administration's conduct of foreign policy, would radically alter the method the United States uses to calculate the contributions to the United Marions 19 its contributions to the United Nations. It would reduce U.S. payments to the financially strapped international organization by about \$1 billion per year and could cost the United Nations much more if other major donor countries, following the U.S. lead, adopted a similar accounting change.

The Clinton administration has begun a major campaign against the proposal, which is included in national security legislation

The chief U.S. delegate to the United Nations, Madeleine K. Albright, opened the lobbying effort by denouncing the Republican plan last week at a closed hearing of the House International Relations Committee.

In remarks cleared by the White House, Mrs. Albright told the committee that it would become "literally impossible" for the UN to manage or sustain peace operations, leaving the United States with the "stark choice" of acting unilaterally or not at all in global emergencies.

The reply from Republicans is essentially: "Yes, we know."

It would "end peacekeeping as we know it," said a Senate Republican aide involved in the legislative effort. About a third of the annual \$3.6 billion UN budget for 17 peace keeping operations would immediately be

At the root of the problem is a major dispute between Republican lawmakers and

the UN operations serve U.S. interests by promoting democracy, punishing miscreants

But many Republican lawmakers have asor deterring aggression. serted that the administration's effort squandered funds and military assets on operations that were mishandled or wrongly undertaken in places where vital U.S. interests were not

Both the House and Senate measures seek to shift more of the financial burden for UN peacekeeping to other nations by forcing the U.S. government, for the first time, to deduct from its assessed UN bill the total cost of any indirect U.S military expenditures for UNrelated operations.

The goal is to give Washington financial redit for the roughly \$1.2 billion it spends voluntarily on military operations such as naval embargoes, "no-fly zones" or humanitarian relief in place 1312 Board Maii: Tan tarian relief in places like Bosnia, Haiti, Iraq or Rwanda, frequently in coalitions approved by the United Nations.

Clinton and Republicans on Collision Course Over UN count the larger sum it regularly spends in indirect military expenses. The agreed U.S. share of UN peacekeeping expenses is 31.7 percent, but will decline to 25 percent after. Oct. 1 under legislation enacted by Congress

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lf the Republicans' proposal is enacted, officials say, direct U.S. payments to the United Nations will almost certainly drop to

■ Public Overestimates Aid Spending

Strong opposition to U.S. foreign aid comes largely from an exaggerated idea of its size. The Associated Press reported from Washington, quoting a poll made public-

Seventy-five percent of respondents to a University of Maryland poll agreed that the University of iviaryanu poli agreed that the United States spent too much on foreign aid. But they tended to greatly overestimate that figure. The government spends about \$13.9 billion a year on foreign aid.

VICTIMS: A Nation Under a Siege of Gloom Marches to Military Graveyards to Mourn 18 Fallen Young Soldiers the administration over recent UN peace-keeping operations and its ability to solve

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the Parliament dining room, a favorite hangout of lawmakers, one cabinet minister slumped in his chair and said glumly that he was not sure if, let alone when, negotiations could produce concrete results.

Well aware of the doubts even the dovish president, Ezer Weizman, has said talks should be suspended — Prime Minister

people to tough it out. But in-stead the reply from many Is-raelis was: Enough is enough. Increasingly skillful suicide

bombers have struck successfully into the heart of Israel five times over the last nine months, killing 54 people and wounding close to 200. This is not the peace they

were promised in the glow of the famous White House handshake, many Israelis said Mon-

known mine field. The mood was captured briefly on Mount Herzl at the

second funeral held there, for one of two women killed, Sergeant Maya Kopstein, 19 Eulogizing her, a family friend prayed she would find "eternal An elderly woman cried out, "This is not rest."

Israeli spirits were hardly lifted by televised images of hundreds of Palestinians praising

carried out by Musim extrem-

ists. Saying that the bombers

and their sponsors were deter-

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to stop these evil deeds."

bombers by Islamic Jihad. Outside one house, a man said over a loudspeaker. The Islamic movement gives its condolences to the hero of the attack that led to the killing of 20 pigs and the injuring of 60 monkeys."

To many Palestinians, extremists or not, Israeli soldiers are agents of a hated occupation and therefore legitimate largets, even when, as on Sunday, they are doing nothing

and women under arms. They see only their children.

The pain was particularly intense at the Rene Cassin High School in Jerusalem, where both Sergeant Kopstein and Corporal Amir Hirschenson, 18, had studied. Altogether, six recent graduates of the school have been killed on army duty in the last year, and students whispered Monday about how

Maya Kopstein, whose father, Eitan, told how he had taken her to the bus station Sunday. "I was the last one to get a hug and a kiss from her," he said. "And 20 times I told her, Your mother is a wonywart.

When you get there, call "We're still waiting for the phone call."

ISRAEL: Rabin Vows to Continue Negotiations With the PLO but Calls for Total Separation's From Palestinians Yitzhak Rabin went on television Monday night to exhort his Islamic Jihad, which said the The president told Mr. Rabin that he was "personally sicken-ed" by the celebrations in Gaza

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ly trafficked transfer point for soldiers, especially on Sundays, when they return to duty after spending the Jewish Sabbath at home. The blasts hit hardest at young people in or near a snack bar, sending bodies flying through the air and slicing many of them to pieces.

Altogether, according to updated police figures, 19 Israelis were killed, all but one of them men and women in uniform, and 65 others were wounded. About 30 people, mostly sol-diers, remained in several hospitals Monday, including 13 said to be in serious condition. Responsibility for the attack

was taken by the radical group To subscribe in France just call, toll free.

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attack had been carried out by two Palestinians from the Gaza Strip and which warned Monday that its campaign "against the enemy will continue and Israeli police officials said, will not stop.

mined to destroy the peace process, he told the Israeli leader, however, that they had yet to determine if there had been more than one bomber -a task complicated, they explained, by the fact that they were dealing with many body fragments. Soldiers were more easily identified because of their identity tags, they said.

—CLYDE HABERMAN

■ A Letter From Clinton

Douglas Jehl of The New York Times reported from Washing-

President Bill Clinton has sent a highly personal letter to Mr. Rabin expressing "disgust

Middle East peace process, the Clinton administration was clearly distressed at the prospect that the attack could serve to derail it, and the purpose of Mr. Clinton's letter was in large

part to urge Mr. Rabin to turn the other cheek. Expressing admiration at the Israeli government's decision to continue talks with the Palestinians, Mr. Clinton told Mr. Rabin: "We must continue the peace process. To do otherwise would hand these terrorists their greatest victory. Their purpose is to kill peace; they must



Children in the Gaza Strip watching Monday as an Islamic Jihad member sprays a slogan.

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each Wellcome share in cash and Glaxo stock, 49 percent higher than Wellcome's closing stock market price on Friday. Wellcome shares closed Monday at

£9.60, while Glaxo shares tumbled 45 pence to £6. The drop reflected concern among investors about the high price being offered by Glaxo and the possibility that earnings per share for the two companies together could fall, at least in the short run, as the costs of the merger were absorbed.

shares had been pushed down by a decision earlier this month by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Two committees of the administration voted not to recommend approval for over-the-counter versions of Wellcome's biggest-selling drug. Zovirax, a herpes treatment, which will lose its patent protection in two years.

Glaxo said it had been developing a strategy to deal with the industry's consolication for a year, and had evaluated a wide range of possible takeover targets. Sir Richard Sykes, Glaxo's chief executive,

lapped with Glaxo's and because it was as big a company as Glazo could easily ab-The deal would bring together compa-

nies that both have strong reputations in scientific research.

Glazo is the maker of the world's bestselling drug the ulcer treatment Zantac. But it will lose patent protection on Zantac in coming years and faces increasing competition from low-cost generic alternatives.

mained a well-known risk, even as thou-

sands of companies have been flocking to

the network hoping to find new ways of

Many computer security experts point

out, however, that the basic Internet soft-

ware was never designed with commercial

uses in mind. It was created by academic

researchers to exchange data with little

thought to the problems that are now

doing business in cyberspace.

Glaxo struck at a time when Wellcome's NET: Experts Say Thieves Exploit a New Flaw on the Internet to Steal Data refused to comment. The Internet's lack of security has re-

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burglars have master keys to every front door in the neighborhood.

The first known attack using the new technique took place on Christmas Day against the computer of a security expert at the San Diego Supercomputer Center. An individual or a group of intruders took over his computer for more than a day and electronically stole a large number of secu-

rity programs he had developed. Since then several attacks have been reported, and security experts say there is no way of knowing how many others may have occurred. Officials at CERT said the assaults are a warning that better security precautions will have to be taken before commerce comes to the Internet.

Such businesses as florists, supermarkets, credit card companies and banks hope to peddle their wares to customers through personal computers linked to the Internet. The new intruders, security experts warn, would then be able to steal credit card numbers, merchandise and

The advisory from CERT, which is based at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, alerted computer users to the attacks and urged them to take a variety of protective measures involving software and hardware security mechanisms. "This was a sophisticated attack," said

James Settle, a former FBI expert on computer crime who is now an executive at Inet Corp., a computer security firm. "Essentially, everyone is vulnerable." The internet works by breaking computer messages into groups of digital packets of data, each of which has an electronic "envelope" that provides "to" and "from" address information. Special network

computers known as routers then deliver The new attacks use a flaw in the design of the network to fool the router computers into believing that a message is coming

from a trusted source. Computing administrators at several organizations that have been broken into said they had been contacted by federal law enforcement officials investigating the

cials said. ment for the agency.

And until now, most companies and other organizations with computers connected to the network have assumed they could protect themselves with various types of hardware and software defenses. But the new attackers can easily pene-

trate many of these defenses, CERT offi-"Out of all the sites on the Internet, there are only some small fraction that care enough about security," said Tom Longstaff, manager of research and develop-

CUBA: New Capitalism at 160 Farmers Markets Gives Food to the People Since soon after Mr. Castro's are taxed accordingly. To enanges and eggplant. "Things are takeover in 1959, all food grown

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Soviet bloc in 1989, most Cubans are seeing a modest economic improvement in their lives.

"We only survive because of these markets." an elderly woman named Dolores said as she pushed through a crowd. carrying a battered plastic bag with a few tomatoes, a head of lettuce, beans and some yucca from a market in the capital. "Without them, we would all be hungry. The situation was desperate. I can only buy a little at a time, but before, there was nothing or it was all in dollars." ers on state-owned farms to sell "They are the best thing that tered nurse, at another Havana a greater percentage of their market. She had bought or-

not easy, but now the problem is only getting pesos." Gillian Gunn, director of the Georgetown University Cuba

Project, who has studied the markets, said the markets' opening had had "a huge psychological effect." "People could at least see the food exists," she said, "so the

impact was much larger than just the amount of food that got into people's tummies." But, she said, the "surge of optimism" could wear off if food prices did not drop and if further reforms were not implemented, such as allowing farm-

in Cuba has had to be sold to the state at prices fixed by the state. Even now, farmers operating at the markets can sell only their surpluses after meeting government quotas for produce earmarked for sale at low prices and for the most part by means of ration stamps. Cuba allowed some farmers

markets in the 1980s, but Mr. Castro shut them down, accusing a few people of getting rich at the expense of the general population. Now profits are lauded as incentives. As farmers enter the markets.

they declare how much produce they have brought and what they will charge for it, and they

courage farmers to bring their goods to Havana, such taxes here have been set at 5 percent. In regional capitals, the tax is pegged at 10 percent, while sellers in rural markets are assessed 15 percent. Once inside, sellers can raise or lower prices freely. often slashing them in the late afternoon.

Moscow Cold Claims 10

MOSCOW — Eight people froze to death and eight died in car crashes on Moscow's icy streets over the weekend, bringing to 65 the number of people who have died from the cold this winter.

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As Kobe Schools Reopen, a Ritual Acquires New Urgency: Earthquake Drill And then, when the students had gathered in the mouth of Kobe Harbor in the Inland Sea, and Awaji Island, when the students had gathered in the mouth of Kobe Harbor in the Inland Sea, and Awaji Island, when the students had gathered in the mouth of Kobe Harbor in the Inland Sea, and Awaji Island, when the students had gathered in the mouth of Kobe Harbor in the Inland Sea, and Awaji Island, when the students had gathered in the mouth of Kobe Harbor in the Inland Sea, and Awaji Island, when the students had gathered in the mouth of Kobe Harbor in the Inland Sea, and Awaji Island, when the students had gathered in the mouth of Kobe Harbor in the Inland Sea, and Awaji Island, when the students had gathered in the mouth of Kobe Harbor in the Inland Sea, and Awaji Island, when the students had gathered in the mouth of Kobe Harbor in the Inland Sea, and Awaji Island, when the students had gathered in the mouth of Kobe Harbor in the Inland Sea, and Awaji Island, when the students had gathered in the mouth of Kobe Harbor in the Inland Sea, and Awaji Island, when the students had gathered in the mouth of Kobe Harbor in the Inland Sea, and Awaji Island, when the students had gathered in the mouth of Kobe Harbor in the Inland Sea, and Awaji Island, when the students had gathered in the mouth of Kobe Harbor in the Inland Sea, and Awaji Island, when the students had gathered in the mouth of Kobe Harbor in the Inland Sea, and Awaji Island, when the students had gathered in the mouth of Kobe Harbor in the Inland Sea, and Awaji Island, when the students had gathered in the mouth of Kobe Harbor in the Inland Sea, and Awaji Island, when the students had gathered in the mouth of Kobe Harbor in the Inland Sea, and Awaji Island, when the students had gathered in the mouth of Kobe Harbor in the Inland Sea, and Awaji Island, when the students had gathered in the mouth of Kobe Harbor in the Inland Sea, and Awaji Island, when the students had gathered in the stude



A Kobe erthquake victim borning incense as he prays amid the cold rain and wreckage.

KOBE, Japan - The children of Kobe went back to school on Monday after a catastrophic week of forced vacation, but at Harada Elementary School there were three important preliminaries before classwork could

First, Principal Michiru Yoshida assembled all the students on the muddy playground and asked for "one minute of silence" to honor the neighbors who died in last week's killer earthquake. The death toll officially topped 5,000 on Monday, and there are still about 100 people missing, presumably buried in the rubble of

Next, Mr. Yoshida called for self-introductions from several dozen "new" students at Harada, pupils whose own schools could not open for study because of heavy damage or because they are needed as emerclassrooms, the warning bell rang for an earthquake drill, sending the students scurrying under their desks, hands over their heads. Earthquake drills are standard large areas of Kobe and Nishinomiya without running rites in Japanese schools, but in Kobe on Monday, the familiar exercise was not taken lightly.

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For all that, though, the resumption of school — about 61 percent of Kobe's schools were open, and 70 percent for the surrounding Hyogo Prefecture — was an important step in this port city's battle to get back to normal after suffering the worst disaster to hit Japan since World War II.

Statistics tell part of Kobe's bitter story. The earth-quake last Tuesday measured 7.2 on the Richter scale: it was the first earthquake in Japan ever to be measured as a 7 on the 1-to-7 intensity scale that has been used here since after the war.

As of Monday, official figures showed 5,028 dead, 106 missing, and 26,824 injured in the cities of Kobe,

And then, when the students had gathered in the Nishinomiya, Ashiya, Osaka, and Awaji Island, off the

Thousands of workers are in the streets, many around the clock, clearing huge mountains of debris and racing to repair hundreds of miles of damaged

Although it may not be evident to Americans seeing the earthquake news on television, which tends to focus on the most dramatic pictures, not all of Kobe is destroyed. The damage was sporty and unpredictable; even in the worst-hit neighborhoods there are homes, apartment buildings, offices, and schools that escaped with little or no damage.

Essentially, the plan now is to start municipal life again around the parts of the city that survived, and rebuild the rest as quickly as possible.

Bullet Train's Safety Image 'Shattered'

By Steven Brull ternational Herald Tribute

TOKYO - By severing Ja-pan's bullet train line, the Kobe earthquake not only has choked off a key transportation artery but also tarnished Japan's image of the train as an emblem of the nation's prowess in high

technology. Repairing the bullet train, where elevated tracks collapsed in eight spots west of Osaka to Himeji, is expected to take four and a half months. But restormuch longer.

"The myth among Japanese that the shinkansen is absolutely safe has been shattered," said

"It will take several months moto predicted, adding that train cruising at top speed to groups of pleasure travelers come to a halt.

would be most likely to opt for air (ransport,

The train's safe image had already been under attack by railroad unions, which said that high-speed Nozomi trains, introduced in 1992 and capable of traveling 270 kilometers per hour (165 miles per hour), were unsafe. Undercarriages had fallen off, and wind vibrations in tunnels put the trains at risk, they said, voicing accusations that the railroad rejected.

Although no one has ever ing the bullet train's big sales died as a result of mechanical point — its safety — could take failures on the shinkansen, few died as a result of mechanical imagine the perfect record would be intact had last Tuesday's Kobe earthquake struck much later than 5:46 A.M. Naoto Hashimoto, a transpor- Shinkansen service was set to tation analyst at the Nomura start at 6 A.M., and trains car-Research Institute. "The psy-rying more than 1,000 passenchological impact is incalcula- gers would have been hurtling down the tracks.

Shinkansen trains are profor repairs but as long as two grammed to stop automatically years for a return to previous when an earthquake occurs, but levels of ridership," Mr. Hashi- it takes about 3 kilometers for a

Although the shinkansen had Hiroshima, situated an hour's long ago lost its title as the world's fastest train to France's Train à Grande Vitesse, which can reach 515 kilometers per hour, the shinkansen has had no rival as a safe, truly mass-transportation system.

At peak times, 11 trains each hour depart Tokyo for Osaka. about 500 kilometers to the southwest.

All told, the Tokaido shinkansen between Tokyo and Osaka carries 200,000 people each day, much more than any other long-distance mass-transportation system.

Although service between Tokyo and Osaka is back to normal, for the next few months many of those traveling west of Osaka along the Sanyo shin-kansen tracks will have little choice but to fly.

The Nozomi had shortened travel time between Tokyo and Hiroshima to about four and a half hours. While still slower than going by air, the opening last year of a new airport at drive from the center, had made the train more convenient for those traveling between city centers.

Although only a small portion of the shinkansen network was damaged in the quake, the collapse of elevated roadbeds will require authorities to reassess the safety of the entire sys-

The Transportation Ministry last week convened the first meeting of a group that will conduct an analysis of the damage and determine whether new design standards are needed.

Tougher standards could lead to costly repairs to the entire system and raise projected costs for eight new shinkansen lines planned or under construction, including one linking Tokyo with Nagano, home of

the 1998 winter Olympics. The government's hope is to and Osaka in one hour. It is solve the problem by building a magnetically levitated train that could travel at 550 kilometers

Gadhafi Sees God's Revenge

TUNIS — The Libyan leader, Colonel Moammar Gadhafi, said the earthquake last week in Japan

was God's revenge. "Despite our compassion with the innocent victims of the catastrophe, we say this is absolutely God's revenge," he said. "We were expecting it and we prayed to God to do this to

Japan."
"Japan always has rushed to offer itself to serve the devilish United States and for each people the United States decides to hang, Japan provides the rope represented by its finances and economic capacities," Colonel Gadhafi

spending 350 billion yen (\$3.5 billion) over eight years through per hour and connect Tokyo technology is viable.

Ex Prime Minister Mourned in Iran

30,000 mourners ttended the political slogans and to stick to funeral Monday of former Prime Minister Nehdi Bazargan, who headed he first government after the 979 Islamic revolution and wa a key opposition figure for hore than 50

Friends and suporters gathered in front of Jusseinieh-Ershad mosque intorthern Tehran to pay their ist respects to Bazargan who died of heart failure Friay in a Swiss hospital at 88. It had been en fought dictatorship for almost a route to the Unted States for medical treatmet.

Many intelectuals and prominent polical figures, including several eputies and the vice-president ir parliamenta-ry and legal dairs. Ataollah Mohajerani, we also present.

Mr. Bazaran had been among the fel Iranians who dared to opely criticize the policies of the eader of the Islamic revolutio, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khemeni, especially his refusal to en the 1980-1988 war with Fac

To avoid provoking the au- Embassy in Tehran.

thorities, the organizers had TEHRAN - More than urged participants not to chant religious chantings.

But at the end of the ceremony, groups of university stu-dents shouted, "Bazargan, your way will continue" and "Mosa-

degh is mourning today."

They were referring to Mohammed Mosadegh, who was a prime minister in the early 1950s and remains a symbol of nationalism and democracy in

half-century, Mr. Bazargan spent a total of six years in

Islamic leadership after failing to reconcile his team of technocrats with the Shiite Muslim clergy, headed by Ayatoliah

Mr. Bazargan resigned nine months later after students close to Ayatollah Khomeini took 53 hostages at the U.S.

TOKYO: Quake Makes Financial Markets Take a Harsher Look at Japan's Leadership and Economic Prospects Continued from Page 1

months and triggered the selloff Monday.

Having invested on the prosand attracted by the rising re-turns on fixed-income invest-"They're not dumping, bu ments in the United States. "Japan is about one-third of global stock market capitalization,

here," said Robert Sasaki, and forts in Kobe, after it took two trillion yen from the value of options and futures trader at days to send large numbers of the world's second-biggest deny it, many market partici-Jardine Fleming Securities.

pect of a robust recovery and reduced the proportion of Japastronger currency, they have nese equities in their portfolios, been disappointed instead by a and many managers of retail lackluster Japanese recovery stock funds are reporting re-"They're not dumping, but

they are selling." he said. Part of the problem has been the widespread criticism of the and you can't afford not to be Japanese government's relief ef- dex, to 17,786, erased about 15

But, he said, many foreign scene and rejected many offers institutions have considerably of foreign aid even though television reports showed such assistance was badly needed.

"It was a litmus test, and people didn't perform," said Kenneth Courtis, strategist and senior economist at Deutsche Bank Capital Markets Asia.

Monday's drop of 1,054 points in the Nikkei stock in-

its Self-Defense Forces to the stock market. Analysts said the pants say the government has under 38,916 points at the end of 1989 — could slide to 16,000

> "I think we'll approach 14,000, and then the govern-Sasaki said, referring to a govknown as the PKO, or pricekeeping operation.

Although officials strongly index — which peaked at just routinely used its influence over public pension funds to support the Nikkei average over the past few years.

Analysts say there is little risk of a systemic financial criment will step in again," Mr. sis so long as the Nikkei remains above 14,000, a level at ernment support effort widely which most banks can show unrealized gains on their equity portfolios.

Although government spending on earthquake reconstruction is expected to help the economy in the long run, the initial impact will be negative - particularly for western Japan, a region with an economic output greater than Canada's. Most of the manufacturers that were affected have resumed operations, but it will be months

before supply disruptions and

distribution bottlenecks disap-

No Deals With Junta, **Burma Dissident Says**

BANGKOK - Burma's dissident leader, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, in a rare message from detention in Burma, assured pro-democracy colleagues on Monday that there would be no secret deal with the junta over her release and said she remained dedicated to the democracy movement.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said in a statement brought from Rangoon to Bangkok by her husband, the British academic Michael Aris, that she was at all times bound by the democratic duty to act with colleagues and be guided by their

political activities.

prison for his opposition to the He headed the first government after the 1979 Islamic revolution, but fell out with the

Her statement appeared to be in response to concerns voiced by pro-democracy campaigners that she might agree to be released under tight restrictions that would curtail her

A Climpse of Russia's Wartime Art Booty

By Riph Blumenthal

NEW ORK —Opening the doors evi wider to some of their lon-hidden wartime secrets, Rusian officials have offered string new glimpses of what has been called the last prisoner of World War II: long-mising works of art, books ad archives seized by the Sovit Red Army in vanquished Germany almost 50 In on of the most extraordi-

nary dislosures at a three-day international symposium here, the Rusans showed slides of 7 of 130 paintings — master-works b El Greco, Goya, Degas, Reoir, Manet, Tintoretto and Cost — that disappeared from pivate Hungarian collections dring the war and that officialsaid would be exhibited in Mscow for the first time

An asociate art professor at Mosco University, Aleksei Rastorpuev, startled German colleages with slides of prints missingfrom a Dresden museum, picures that he said he had found 1 the hands of private collectes in Russia. He also called n museum directors to confes:unlawful holdings.

Othe experts described how million of works of art, books and arhives — including the so-calld Priam's Treasure from ancien Troy that was exhibited in a lerlin museum — were transprted to the former Soviet Unio after the war for what was prtrayed as safekeeping and retoration and only incidentaly as reparations.

The war is not ended so long as we have not settled these questions said Irina Antonova, dretter of the Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts in Moscow and a longtime keeper Arts, was seen as a way of

of the secrets of the reposi-tories. bridging an impasse in Russian-German talks on the return of

But, she insisted, playing down news accounts, "nobody discovered anything." It was just, she said, that "a new era has come and it is possible to speak about these subjects."

She also acknowledged purchasing German wartime treasures from private collectors for

The Soviet Union reportedly sought to build and stock a 'supermuseum' with art looted from all over Europe.

the Pushkin State Museum, but said it had been to safeguard

Another Russian official, Valeri Koulichov, director of the department of restitution of the Culture Ministry, offered a mea culpa of his own.

This is the way museum officials lived," he said. "We were

Konstantin Akinska, a Ukrainian journalist who broke the story of the secret Soviet art repositories in Art News in 1991, said Russian archives documented a long-secret program dating from 1943 to build and stock a new "supermuseum" with art looted from all over Europe, an effort that he said paralleled Hitler's scheme to collect stolen war treasures in

his hometown of Linz, Austria. The symposium, called "The Spoils of War" and sponsored by the Bard Graduate Center for Studies in the Decorative

artworks missing since the war.

But the forums and speeches, while offering poignant moments of shared anguish over wartime horrors and pledges of cooperation, also highlighted lingering tensions and opposing For one thing, Russian offi-

cials at the conference continued to contend that despite agreements with Germany in 1990 and 1992 to return "unlawfully removed cultural property," the seizure of German artworks may not have been unlawful under certain interpreta-

When German speakers, after acknowledging war guilt and the "barbarity" of German aggression, chided the Russians for foot-dragging, the Russians bristled and counseled patience.

The Russian position, as argued at the conference, was that the Allied Control Council at one point endorsed reparations and that the Versailles Treaty settling claims of World War I formally provided for art reparations from Germany to victimized Belgium. The Russians have also called on Germany to return stolen art to Russia, items the Germans say they no

yielded booty, Nazi aggression and World War II took the plunder of art to unprecedented levels, scholars at the sympo-

longer have.

Accounts by Lynn Nicholas, author of "The Rape of Europa," and representatives of Belgium, the Netherlands, France. Poland and the now-independent former Soviet states told in detail how hundreds of museums had been emptied and millions of drawings, paintings, pieces of furniture and books confiscated by German forces from owners sent into exile or to death in the gas chambers. At least 8,000 works were

said to have been assembled for Hitler alone, and his deputy Hermann Göring collected thousands of his own. As the war raged and then as

the Nazi defeat loomed, many of the looted works, as well as the collections of Germany's own museums, were hidden in mine shafts and other caches, where they were uncovered by conquering Allied armies.

The Americans set up collecting points in Germany to gather, identify and, in most cases. return the works,

Norway to Extradite 3 In Aeroflot Hijacking

The Associated Press OSLO - Three Iranians are to be extradited to Russia on Tuesday to face charges of hijacking an Aeroflot passenger airliner to Norway in 1993.

The men have been held in Norway since the hijacking ended peacefully at the Gardermoen airport near Oslo on Sept 15, 1993. The Russian domestic er, with 51 people aboard. had been forced to fly from Although wars have always Russia to Ukraine, then to Nor

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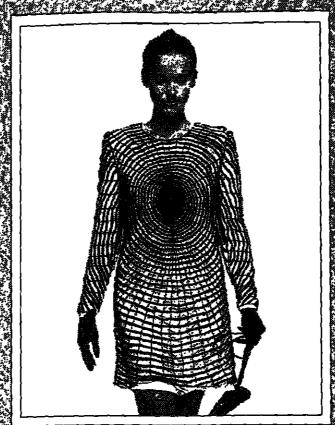


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Riding jacket with cavalier boots and striped train by Bernard Perris for Scherrer; Maurizio Galante's spiderweb dress; Gérard Pipart of Nina Ricci takes his bow; Valentino's silver satin and lace wedding dress with ruffle train.

By Suzy Menkes

ARIS - It was a merry life - but short one. Five years after she strode long-legged into the limethe supermodel is out o fashion. The spring/summer couture shows are conspicuous for the absence of the triumphant triumvirate: Naomi Campbell, Linda Evangelista and Christy Turlington - not to mention the pert, hotlipped Kate Moss.

It may be, as the model agencies suggest, that they are busy with other aspects of their careers. But the truth is that fashion designers have taken a collective decision to dump models who can cost \$10,000 upwards for a show, plus all the frills (Concorde ticket, limousine and luxury

hotel suite including pop-star boyfriend). The revolutionary idea is that models should go back to showing off clothes, instead of their bodies.

The remaining celebrity is Claudia Schiffer, beloved of photographers and public, whom her Pygmalion, Karl Lager-

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feld, calls "more of a personality than a model." And the latest arrival: Nadja Auermann, the ice-maiden with unstoppable legs who has yet to become a household name. It is symbolic that Versace, who made supermodels part of his fashion image, opened his show Saturday with Kristen McMenamy the jolie laide russet haired model who has just become a mother.

Valentino had Elle Macpherson, known as "the body," and still in great shape now

that she has graduated to the movies. Schiffer was the bride in liquid silver satin, with blood red bouquet and train of cascading frills, but the dress was more significant than its wearer.

"Tiny, tiny ruffles," said Valentino

spacing his fingers just a crack to illustrate

the bridal gown. "And each one sewn by hand. When my ladies go, when they retire. there won't be anyone to do it any more." Valentino's show was a celebration of the craft of couture.

Look! Chiffon handkerchiefs unfurling at the hem of that slender dress; teeny tucks lapping bosom and hips; cleavage revealed through opened lips of fabric: bosoms lapped in colored ribbons.

But it is one of the ironies of current couture that what should be shown in the salon, has to be put on stage. So Valentino's delicate Art Deco embroideries or

cabled sweaters strewn with sequins just came out in a pallid haze of his favorite silver gray. The result was that a show that should have been exceptional fell flat. The day wear was nothing new, with its

silhouette of fitted jacket with an inverted champagne-flute skirt. The look was often based on a bolero — the short tacket lavered over a longer tunic, its torso shaped with corset seaming If there was a theme that linked the

shorty. Flirty day wear and the slender evening dresses, it was a focus on the bosom. As well as cutouts, there were strategic drapes, lacy inserts and subtle transparency to make the most of the curves.

Valentino's clients — including Susan Gutfreund, Nan Kempner and Hélène Da-vid Weill — all raved about the fabulous workmanship as the designer was feted after the show at the home of Georgina and Ruy Brandolini d'Adda,

Jean-Louis Scherrer's show opened with the unspeakable — Gestapo-type caps with neo-Nazi tailoring, supposedly in homage to Marlene Dietrich. The collection, under its new designer Bernard Perris, ended with the indescribable: a patent leather breastplate, worn with thigh-high boots and chicken-feather ruffles at the rear. In the middle came - middles. The bared midriff was unveiled in lilac chiffon for a Turkish delight creation; exposed in a savagely sliced white lace dress; or appeared beneath a beige suede bra with lacy cutouts.

took his bow. But where will he find clients for his vision of whip-handed women in stern riding coats, billowing blouses and cavalier boots? And what is such a costume parade supposed to do for the house of Scherrer, now in its second designer in

It was celebration time at Nina Ricci, where designer Gérard Pipart, after, 30 years of service, received an Order of Merit Sunday from French Culture Minister Jacques Toubon, who praised Pipart's "modesty, fidelity - and his talent."

Pipart has done well for Ricci, creating a perennial image of flowery femininity. Sunday's show was a bouquet to women - all ruff collars whipped up like crème chantilly and meadow flowers printed on a white pique jacket; colorful carnations below the including three hand-paired dresses of feathered bodice of a a summer evening dress; and bunches of flowers on the wedding dress worn with a floral diadem.

Clouds sailing across a blue sky above a field of popples made a summery start at Carven, where designer Maguy Muzy sent out a conventionally pretry show that did not stretch fashion or audience credulity. She showed long curving jackets and flirty skirts in Easter-season colors like chick yellow or spring green. Straw was the theme and the light-banded evening wear

had curlicues of straw as airy decoration. Oliver Lapidus edged couture toward the

future with his hologran dots and prints, although there were sil regular sequins framing necklines like Sith Seas leis, in the sunshine colors that we his theme. Innovative fabrics and textile might be an interesting area of exploratio in haute couture. But Lapidus did not brig any modernistic the 1960s space-age era ith his cutouts at midriff or bust.

The reason for some garded optimism about the future of have couture is the fact that a new generatio is fascinated by craftsmanship. MaurizioGalante, in his third Paris season, wovedreamy spirals and fine lattice work -spider webs of ribbons radiating on a baic crepe shift.

Without a raised stag, the audience could appreciate the work-f-art creations. orchids, butterflies and withing snakes. They punctuated a show that was otherwise played out entirely in backland white. down to the white voile curain fluttering with black feathers.

Reason suggests that have couture should retreat to the salon, to splay the work properly and to distinguis the intricate craft from the broader bruh strokes of ready-to-wear. But the need or worldwide media hype demands the jig boffe presentations that created themonstermodels. Reconciling the two poposing needs is couture's current dilemin

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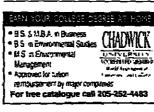


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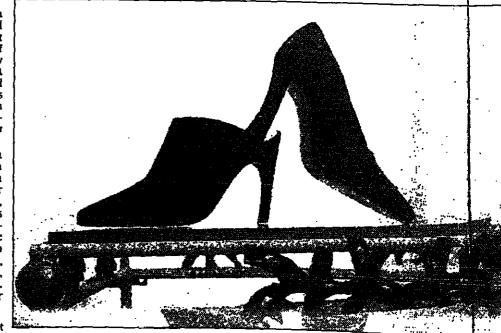
SHOP WATCH

Master Cobbler Sets Up Shop Again

ARIS — You grasp a smooth ankle and stroke a shiny shoe that forms the doorknob of the boutique. In the window teeters a mule in jewel-bright suede with a curving high heel shaped like a comma. It looks as striking now as in 1955 when Roger Vivier's "shocking" sti-letto heel was baptized "ralon

Fifty years after Vivier first made his dramatic mark on footwear fashion at Christian Dior, the grand master cobbler has again set up shop. Vivier, 87, will officially inaugurate his new Left Bank bounque on Saturday, but already during the weekend clients were trying on the suede mules, in emerald, mole brown or sapphire blue, and court shoes with sturdier. shapely heels in scaly python or glossy cali.

The new collection does not display the miracles of crafts-manship and delicate decoration that marked the Dior years, when Vivier would create a scarlet slipper dripping with ruby red drops or a Turkish evening mule embroidered with pearls and sprouting Dior's signature lily-of-the-valley. These art objects, almost too fine to touch the ground, were the subject of a Roger Vivier exhibition at the Musee des Arts de la Mode in the Louvre in 1987.



Stiletto heels on display at Roger Vivier's new Left Bank boutique.

The new shoes, made in the This should be Vivier's time the sculptor Henri Teris. It is luxurious: Prices start from more feminine and glamorous, ing to four times that for croco- want to wear a stiletto shoe, you dile shoes. Some are re-creations of earlier shapes, others new designs, created by Vivier and produced by the Rautureau brothers who make Freelance and other fashion shoes.

Vendée region of France, are again, for fashion is becoming on the Rue de Grenell which 1,900 francs (about \$365), ris- as it did in the 1950s. And if you need a master craftsman to give it shape and balance,

Reflecting Vivier's sculpted heels and toes, the boutique has display shelves edged with stick-coral molded in steel by

is fast becoming the hi shoeshopping street of Park with Ferragamo, Charles Kimmer. Stephane Kelian and Pada all separated by a few pacs.

Roger Vivier, 24 Rie e Grenelle, 75007 Paris.

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IBM Posts 1st Profit Since '90

By Lawrence Malkin

International Herald Tribune
NEW YORK — International Business Machines Corp. on Monday reported its first profitable year since 1990 but admit-ted it still had much to do before it would be making money on personal computers, the indus-

try's biggest growth sector. Led by a \$1.23 billion surge in profit in the fourth quarter. world's largest computer manufacturer earned nearly \$3 billion in all of 1994, compared with an \$8.1 billion loss after taking a nearly \$8 billion restructuring charge in the second quarter. Excluding the charge, the 1993 loss was \$96 million. Revenue for 1994 was \$64.1

billion, up from \$62.7 billion in Revenue for the fourth quar-

ter was \$19.9 billion, up from \$19.4 billion a year ago. Chairman Louis V. Gerstner Jr., a turnaround specialist brought in from RJR Nabisco

Holdings Corp. in 1993, said cutting costs by about \$6 billion and reorganizing the company had begun to show up on the

pally in mainframe sales, where unit shipments increased but revenue declined because of price-cutting. In personal com-puters, IBM lost its market leadership to Compaq last year and now has 8.7 percent of the new video disk being backed by worldwide market of 48.5 million units, according to International Data Corp.
Wall Street had expected bet-

ter sales, and IBM stock closed \$1.125 lower at \$74.25. Hugh Johnson of First Albany Securities said growth in personal computers "has been the strongest art of the economy, and the IBM reports hints that PC sales have begun to slow down."

Jerome York, IBM's chief financial officer, said there was also be used as a computer stor-See STOCKS, Page 10 . age device.

Microsoft Plugs Into Sony Screens

TOKYO — In a marriage of Japanese hardware and American software, Sony Corp. and Microsoft Corp. agreed on Monday to work together to develop systems for video-ondemand and other applications of high-capacity communica-

The two companies will work together on home terminals, such as set-top boxes, and on central computer systems, which would deliver video and audio programs over the cable or telephone network in response to requests from particular

The companies will also explore the development of future consumer electronics products. The alliance is the latest in a number of collaborative

efforts in the multimedia industry. Sony, a master at consumer electronics hardware, has been

trying to expand more into multimedia business. But like most Japanese companies, it has been weak in the software and has looked to American companies to help it.

The Tokyo-based company is already selling a small hand-held computer and communications terminal that uses software developed by General Magic Inc., a Silicon Valley software concern. It also bought Columbia Pictures and Tristar Pictures. a pair of Hollywood film studios that are losing money.

In the new alliance, Sony is expected to develop some enhancements to the basic software provided by Microsoft. Microsoft, the largest software company, is aiming to extend its dominance of personal-computer programs into control over the software for delivering audio, video, data and text over networks.

nad begun to show up on the bottom line, but "we are not satisfied with our revenue Matsushita Said to Back Improvement came princiImprovement came princiInspirame sales, where

TOKYO - Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. will throw its format in December, industry weight behind a format for a Toshiba Corp. and Time Warner Inc., dealing a heavy blow to a competing format being pushed by Sony Corp., according to reports on Monday.

Huge revenues are at stake in projected sales of the new product, which is seen as the successor to the videocassette recorder. The disks, which would be the same size as a music CD, would be able to hold an entire feature-length movie and could

Since Sony Corp. and Philips Electonics NV announced their watchers have been awaiting a decision from Matsushita about whether it will support Sony or another format under development by Toshiba.

As the industry leader and owner of the MCA movie studio, Matsushita's decision will play a major role in determining which format wins out.

Matsushita would not comment on reports by Japanese media, which said a formal annonncement would be made Tuesday. However, Matsushita said it was in the 'final stage of deliberations"

Stocks' Gloom Spreads

Equities in Europe Also Are Squeezed

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches

LONDON — European stocks and bonds slid Monday, caught between skidding markets in Asia and expectations of an increase in U.S. interest rates by next week.

Leading stock indexes fell 1.36 percent in London — despite a takeover-related surge by Wellcome PLC — by 2.23 percent in Paris, 1.40 percent in Frankfurt and 1.77 percent in Zurich. The European component of the International Herald Tribune World Stock Index was down

Only Milan managed a slight gain, after for-mer Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi and his allies indicated their support for his designated successor, Lamberto Dini.

There's a general lack of confidence in the markets after the collapse of the Asian markets and amid lingering concerns about rate rises in the U.S.," said Tim Healy, a trader at Dean Witter International Ltd. in London.

Stocks were dogged from the outset by the slump in Asian stocks amid rising estimates of the cost of Japan's devastating Kobe earthquake. "It's extremely difficult to know what the real impact of the earthquake will be." said a trader at Morgan Stanley International Ltd. "But in these nervous times it's enough to upset markets. We're

in a period of maximum adverse sentiment. Losses were compounded by a decline in European government bond prices as some traders switched to the relative safety of shorter-dated securities. The yield on the benchmark 10-year German government bond was up to 7.60 percent from 7.53 percent Friday, while the 10-year French bond was yielding 8.21 percent, compared with 8.13 percent. Bond yields move in the

opposite direction from prices. The yield on the 15-year British government bond rose to 8.715 percent from 8.63 percent as a stronger-than-expected economic report added to fears of accelerating inflation.

the main measure of economic output, rose 0.8 percent in the fourth quarter and 4 percent in the

Drug stocks were among the most active shares after Glaxo PLC offered to buy Wellcome for £8.9 billion (\$14 billion). Wellcome soared 40 percent on the news, but Glaxo's price slumped. Other European drugmakers' stocks, including Rhône-Poulenc SA, Ciba-Geigy AG, Roche Holding AG, Sandoz AG and Bayer AG, fell by between 1 percent and 2.2 percent.

The Paris decline was exacerbated by a lack of buyers for French stocks because of uncertainties generated by the French presidential elec-(Bloomberg, AFX, Knight-Ridder)

Follow Tokyo Down By Kevin Murphy rnanonal Herald Tribun

Other Asian Markets

HONG KONG - Asian stock markets, already hurt by the fallout from Mexico's peso devaluation last month, show no clear signs of recovery, analysts said Monday after sell-offs in Singapore, Bangkok, Hong Kong and Kuala Lumpur accompanied Tokyo's 5.6 percent mar-

Worries over the economic consequences of the Japanese earthquake combined with uncertainty over the succession to China's 90-year-old leader Deng Xiaoping and expectations of a U.S. interest rate increase to further drag down investor confidence in the region, these analysts said.

Until U.S. interest rates peak, these markets will remain under pressure, said John Quinn. chief investment officer for NatWest Investment Management Asia Ltd.

Markets have been rattled by the prospect of Japanese fund managers following other foreign investors in a disorderly retreat from Asian equities under way since early this month.

Concerns that the need to rebuild Kobe and repair an earthquake-damaged economy would spark a repatriation of Japanese capital only added to the gloomy short-term prospects for Asian markets also expecting a rise in U.S. rates next week, when the policy-making Federal

Open Market Committee meets. In Hong Kong, where the Hang Seng Index fell 4.26 percent, to 6,967.93, its first reading below 7,000 in 17 months, rumors of Mr. Deng's death - which many fear will bring instability and economic disruption in China — and the sorry state of the local property market com-pounded the malaise.

"When a mood like this comes along, it envelond rose to 8.715 percent from 8.63 percent as a ops the whole region," said Nigel Down, markettronger-than-expected economic report added of fears of accelerating inflation.

Preliminary British gross domestic product, real value in many of these markets. But right now, if someone says so they will be ignored.

Singapore, one of Asia's better-performing markets in 1994, fell 5.50 percent. That stocks fared poorly as well, losing 4.83 percent, and Kuala Lumpur prices lost nearly 4 percent. The Asia component of the International Herald Tribune World Stock Index fell 6.15 percent.

"You've got a disaster in Japan, the Chinese leader about to die and U.S. interest rates about to go up," Sukit Udomsirikul, an analyst with Union Securities PLC in Bangkok, told Bloomberg Business News.
"We can talk all we want about high growth in

the Thai economy and strong corporate earnings. But no one is going to listen under these

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Mexico Fallacies Need Correcting

By Reginald Dale International Herald Tribune

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TASHINGTON — After less than three weeks in office, the new U.S. Congress is facing its first big test on a major issue of foreign economic policy. It is unfortunate that the issue is President Clinton's \$40 billion Mexican rescue plan.

Mexico always seems to bring out the worst in Americans who should know better. Opponents of the plan on both right and left are duly deploying a pro-dictable array of ignorant and illogical objections, in full view of nervous world

There is still reason to hope the plan will ultimately go through. But the dan-ger is that the muddle-headed debate over Mexico will set the wrong tone for addressing subsequent international problems, increase popular suspicion of the global economy and set back U.S.

Too many glaring fallacies and mis-conceptions are being allowed to go un-challenged, among them the following:

The United States is doing Mexico a favor. No, the United States is doing itself a favor by trying to prevent an economic catastrophe on its Southern flank.

A Mexican economic collapse would give a huge boost to illegal immigration into the United States, destroy one of the biggest U.S export markets and undermine the dollar. The rot could quickly spread to other developing countries in Latin America and elsewhere.

Cross Rates

The American taxpayer is simply bailing out big banks and foolish investors. Yes, some investors may be helped by U.S. guarantees to Mexico. But that is no reason for opposing the plan. There is no way to help Mexico and somehow penalize people who invested there. Many of them will still lose money anyway.

The peso crisis shows the North American Free Trade Agreement was a mistake. No. The crisis would have happened

A muddle-headed debate over Mexico might set the wrong tone for other problems.

anyway, even without NAFTA. In fact, it shows that Ross Perot and other NAFTA opponents were wrong. They warned that NAFTA would lead to a big Mexican trade surplus with the United States and that U.S. companies would rush to build new factories in Mexico.

But, as Gary Hufbauer of the Institute for International Economics points out, if those two things had actually happened, they would have made a peso devaluation less likely. They would have alleviated Mexico's current account deficit and provided a more stable form of finance.

Mexico cynically cheated by devaluing the peso. That stretches credulity. In the words of Gregory J. Mastel of the Eco-nomic Strategy Institute, "it is difficult

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to imagine that the Mexican government induced widespread poverty and spiraling interest rates in order to create a modest temporary trade surplus."

In fact, governments hate to see their currencies overwhelmed by market forces, and even deliberate devaluations are seldom fully successful.

The United States devalued the dollar by 50 percent against the yen following the 1985 Plaza agreement — more than the peso has fallen against the dollar -and still did not eliminate the U.S. trade deficit with Japan.

Mexico is selling out its sovereignty for U.S. dollars (a Mexican misconception). No. Mexico would lose far more control over its affairs if the U.S. plan failed and economic and financial disaster ensued. It is absurd to think Mexico currently has sovereignty over its own exchange rate.

But even if the plan's opponents are thwarted, some fallout for U.S. trade policy is inevitable.

It is hard to see the administration asking Congress for fast-track authority for new trade initiatives in Latin America, or Asia, while Mexico's fate remains in the balance. Talks on Chile's NAFTA membership could be delayed for up to a

That might not be too serious. But a longer delay could cause the U.S.-led drive for freer trade to falter. Much better that Congress start off by getting Mexico right — and not be sidetracked by specious arguments.

German Round Table Spawns Flexibility

By Brandon Mitchener

International Herald Tribune
FRANKFURT — German chancellors routinely gathered German unions and business leaders around a table in the 1960s in a show of concerted action that was key to Germany's postwar economic

With unemployment again clouding the economic outlook, Chancellor Helmut Kohl is trying to revive a round table spirit in a series of talks aimed at promoting labor flexibility, technological innovation and general international competitiveness. The difference this time is that the employers, and not the unions, have the upper

Even though the first round-table meeting is not scheduled until Wednesday

night, labor leaders are already expressing a willingness to relax pay demands in exchange for promises of greater job security in a symbolic gesture that analysts say lightens a heavy burden on the economy.

"That will be the turning point." said Stefanie Wahl, a senior researcher at the Institute for Economic and Social Research in Bonn, referring to the unions' latest overture. "Sooner or later, we're going to see much more flexible structures."

Over the last few days, union leaders have expressed a willingness to sacrifice pay gains in exchange for job security and said they could also see treating Saturday as a normal working day.

While not radically new, both ideas represent a significant departure from German unions' longstanding insistence on working less without earning any less. The country's biggest union, IG Metall, last year made an exchange of job security

for a four-day work week and correspond-

ing cut in pay at the automaker Volks-wagen AG.
In effect, the latest union initiative sug-gests adopting the Volkswagen model on a nationwise basis. Dieter Schulte, head of the Federation of German Unions, on Sunday challenged industry to make good on its promise of creating 500,000 new jobs in exchange for such flexibility.

"It's a reflection of the weakness of the unions and the realization that they're likely to remain weak for some time to come." said Mrs. Wahl.

"The unions are enormously afraid of losing members if they demand too much because most people are aware that they have to take a cut to remain internationally competitive," said Holger Fahrinkrug, an economist at UBS Phillips & Drew. "Corporate profits are rising in some sectors,

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Merrill Posts 53% Decline In Profit

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The brokerage concern said earnings were \$162 million, or

75 cents a share, compared with \$347 million, or \$1.53 a share, in the 1993 fourth quarter. The results were well below analysts' expectations of \$1.20 a share as compiled by Zacks

Investment Research Co.
Revenue fell slightly to \$4.48 billion. Weak U.S. stock and bond prices, rising interest rates and volatility in world financial markets affected Merrill's busi-

ness across the board.

Commission revenue from managing mutual funds and other pools of money for clients fell 21 percent, to \$683 million. Trading revenue was down 33 percent, to \$454 million, and nvestment banking revenue plunged 56 percent, to \$228

For all of 1994, Merrill Lynch earned \$1.02 billion, or \$4.74 a share, compared with \$1.36 billion, or \$5.95 a share in 1993. The full-year net income was its second-highest ever.

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Quake Aftermath Takes Toll on Yen

Bloomberg Business News NEW YORK - The dollar rose to a two-week high against the ven on Monday amid concern that Japan would be slow that crippled the country's larg-

est port last week. Right now the mood is very somber and bearish for their

Foreign Exchange

economy and the yen," said Peter Dembinski, senior currency trader for Bank Julius Baer in New York, as the dollar rose to 99.805 yen from 99.420 on Fri-

The dollar also staged a late recovery against the Deutsche mark after House Speaker Newt Gingrich vowed that Congress would approve President Bill Clinton's financial aid package for Mexico. Passing the package would take pressure off North American financial markets, traders said.

The dollar had slipped for much of the day against the mark on worries about the fate

of the proposed loan guarantees for Mexico.

The Dow

Analysts predicted the dollar would suffer if Mexico's economic health deteriorated. Mexto recover from the earthquake ico is America's third-largest trading partner and their economies are closely linked by the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Mr. Gingrich's comments "took a little uncertainty out of the market," boosting the dollar, said Hugh Walsh, a currency trader at ING Capital Markets.

Against other major currencies, the dollar rose to 1.2703 Swiss francs from 1.2700 francs on Friday and to 5.2425 French francs from 5.2335 francs. The pound rose slightly, however, 10 \$1.5940 from \$1.5888.

In early Tuesday trading, the New Zealand dollar reached its highest level in more than six years as investors sought a safe place to put their money until turmoil in Asian and American markets eased, traders said. It was quoted at 64.57 U.S. cents. up from 64.40 on Monday.

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STOCKS: Japan Hits Wall Street

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Stocks slipped Monday as

brighter prospects for congres-

sional passage of a Mexican aid

package offset a plunge in Japa-

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about an increase in U.S. inter-

Strength in oil shares, fueled

by better-than-expected earn-

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■ Stocks Edge Lower

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"and it is underperforming." passed by Congress. Mr. York said IBM's person-Bank shares, which had turnal-computer brands have been bled in recent weeks amid concern about their Latin American U.S. Stocks exposure, also rebounded on

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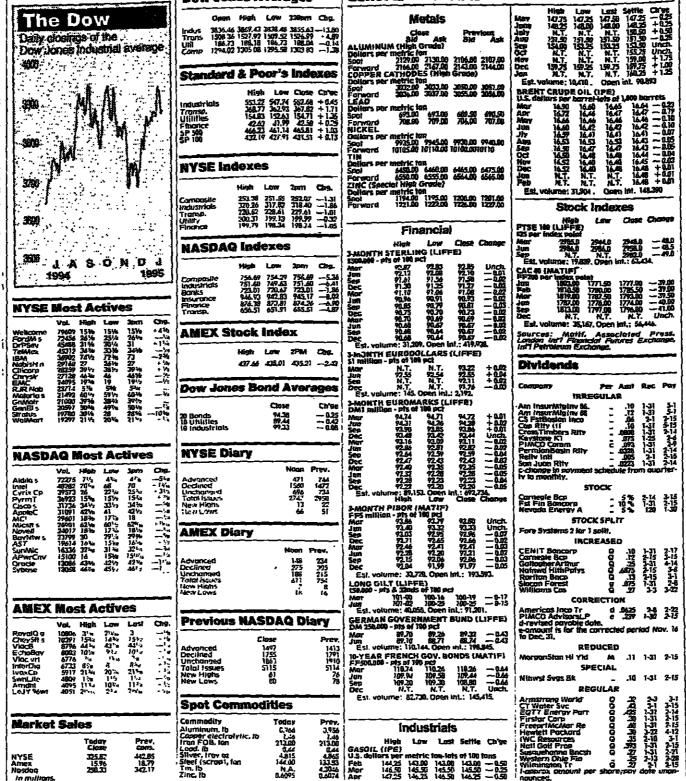
agreed to buy its competitor. Oil stocks were the biggest gainers after surprisingly strong earnings from Texaco. Exxon and Atlantic Richfield, traders said. Exxon rose 1, to 633, and Atlantic Richfield rose 24, to 1073s, and Mobil gained 1, to

The rally in oils countered weaker-than-expected earnings that hurt shares of Stratus Computer, Aldila and Merrill Lynch.

Stratus plunged 10%, to 28%. after the company posted fourth-quarter earnings below analysts' expectations.

Aldila tumbled 51/8, to 41/8. after the maker of graphite golf club shafts said 1995 sales and erage closed 2.02 points lower. profits were expected to fall be-Volume on the New York Stock Exchange totaled 325.8 low 1994 levels.

(Bloomberg, AP)



ROUND: German Leaders Revive Practice of Concerted-Action Talks

but that doesn't apply across the board."

he added. Plant closings, layoffs and a virtual freeze on new hiring during the latest re-cession have left their mark in sagging union membership lists.

Unemployment, meanwhile, is expected to hover around a rate of 8.5 to 9 percent in Germany in 1995 despite an annual economic growth rate of 3 percent, according to the latest forecast of the federal govern-

Analysts said the upcoming round-table discussions could help soften the rigid

fronts that often make rational discourse difficult between labor and industry, not just on wages, but other subjects as well. including a reform of German shopping hours, Europe's least flexible.

"When such a forum exists. I think it will be used," said Mr. Fahrinkrug.

The Chanceliory refused to comment on its round-table agenda officially, but sources said the topics to be discussed would range from promoting technological innovation and reducing long-term unemployment to reforming the German socialsecurity system.

Among those expected to participate in the talks on Wednesday are the chairmen of the German Employers Federation, the German Industry Association, the Association of German Chambers of Commerce and union leaders representing white-collar workers, metalworkers and chemical

industry employees. The government, which is legally barred from interfering in official wage negotiations, will nevertheless be represented by Mr. Kohl. Economics Minister Günter Rexrodt, and Jürgen Rüttgers, the new

minister for education and research.

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Intel Ships Pentium Upgrade Chips

SANTA CLARA, California (Bloomberg) — Intel Corp. began shipping the delayed Pentium upgrade chips on Monday that will boost the computer power of 80486-based machines. The new chips will as much as double the speed of the upgraded

machines. The upgrades had been expected to be released last year.

The chip, which costs \$449, is designed for computer users who do not want to spend the few thousand dollars it would cost to buy a Pentium-based machine, but want to improve the performance of their computers. The upgrade, which is added to the existing 486 chips, does not make older computers equivalent to Pentium machines, Intel said.

AT&T to Spearhead Utility Network

SAN JOSE, California (Reuters) — AT&T Corp. said Monday it has formed a multi-company team of industry specialists to develop two-way customer communications system for the utility

The company said the panel included leading utility industry players such General Electric Co. and Honeywell Inc. AT&T said the team was developing what is known as the AT&T Integrated Broadband Utility Solution, a system that will use communications, networking and computing technologies to help utilities contain costs and offer new services to their customers.

Earnings Rise for U.S. Oil Companies

IRVING. Texas (Bloomberg) — Exxon Corp.'s fourth-quarter net income rose 27 percent, fueled by gains on asset sales and tax credits along with higher profit in its chemical division, the company said Monday.

The largest U.S. oil company said its net income rose to \$1.9 billion, or \$1.53 a share, from \$1.5 billion, or \$1.20; in the 1993 fourth quarter. The results included special gains of \$423 million in the recent period and \$113 million the previous year. Meanwhile, Texaco Inc., another major U.S. oil company,

reported fourth-quarter earnings-per-share of \$1.49, compared with \$1.21 in the 1993 fourth quarter.

Union Pacific Fails to Sway Santa Fe

CHICAGO (AP) - Santa Fe Pacific Corp., the U.S. railroad company, said Monday it is seeking a sweeter deal from friendly suitor Burlington Northern Inc. in response to the latest offer from a hostile bidder, Union Pacific Corp.

Santa Fe's board of directors Sunday rejected Union Pacific's \$3.6 billion all-cash offer, saying a proposed cash-and-stock transaction with Burlington was a better deal.

The battle between Union Pacific, the nation's largest railroad in terms of revenues, and No. 2 Burlington, is largely for Santa Fe's Chicago-Los Angeles line.

GE Capital Acquires Crédit de l'Est

STAMFORD, Connecticut (Bloomberg) - GE Capital Corp., a subsidiary of GE Electric Co., said it would acquire Credit de 'Est, a financial services company based in Strasbourg.

GE Capital said the transaction was subject to regulatory approval and had no set dollar amount or planned time of

Crédit de l'Est, which specializes in equipment and consumer automobile finance, has assets of about 5.3 billion france (\$1 billion), GE Capital said.

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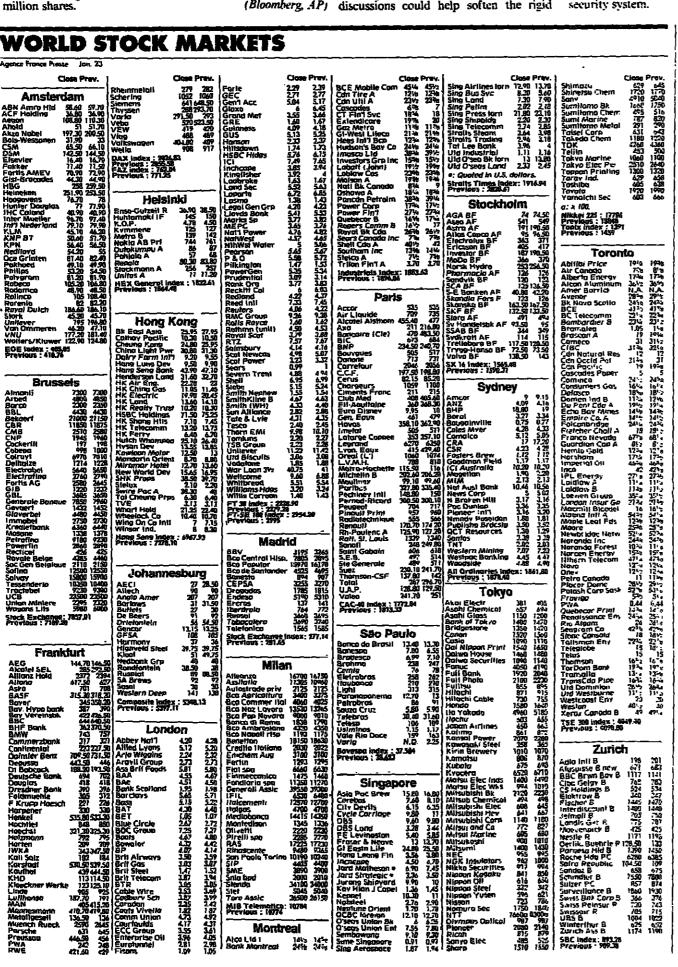
LOS ANGELES — "Legends of the Fall" dominated the U.S. box office with a gross of \$9 million over the weekend. Following are the Top 10 moneymakers, based on Friday ticket sales and

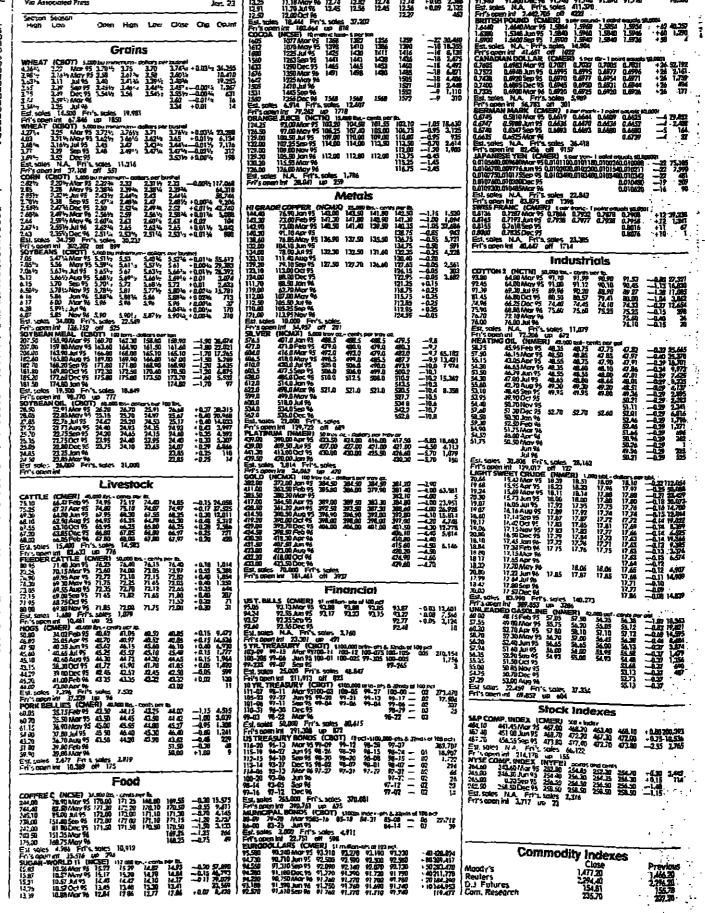
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Cadbury Courts DrPepper/7-Up For U.S. Growth

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The United States represents

a big market for noncolas, which

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Canada Dry, Crush and Sunkist

brands. Last year Cadbury acquired the U.S. company A&W

Brands Inc., which makes a pop-

LONDON - Cadbury Schweppes PLC, the British beverage and candy company, aid Monday it was engaged in

creasingly favoring Coke and Pepsi," said Narwest Securities "detailed" negotiations to buy in a report issued Monday. Dr Pepper/Seven-Up Cos.
The purchase, which some analysts estimated could cost Coca-Cola and PepsiCo have 70 to 80 percent of the U.S. carbonabout £1 billion (\$1.59 billion), ated drinks market. would make Cadbury a strong nation of the two businesses No. 3 to Coca-Cola Co. and would give Cadbury Schweppes about 17 percent of the U.S.

age market. Cadbury already owns 25.3 percent of Dr Pepper/Seven-

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PepsiCo Inc. in the U.S. bever-

A Cadbury takeover of Dr Pepper has been viewed by many beverage industry analysts as inevitable since Cadbury increased its stake with a major purchase of stock in 1993. Shortly afterward, however, Dr Pepper adopted measures to make a takeover more difficult and it has steadfastly refused to give Cadbury representation on its board.

In New York, Dr Pepper-/Seven Up shares were quoted in late trading up \$1.375 at \$31.125, while Cadbury shares fell 12 pence to 387 pence in London

Neither company would provide financing details, but Cadbury said it would sell £500 milion of new shares, less than

some analysts had expected. With little room for expansion in Britain, Cadbury Schweppes is focusing on expanding non-cola sales abroad.

Mercedes Sales Accelerate

DUESSELDORF — Helmut Werner, chief executive of Daimler-Benz AG's subsidiary Mercedes-Benz AG, said its car sales worldwide rose in 1994 and predicted growth in profit and sales in 1995.

Mr. Werner also said the car and truck maker's commercial-vehicle division should return to profit in 1995 after a loss in 1994, "I'm convinced that we will be in the black," he said. "We have clearly succeeded in creating our

own economic climate and have decoupled from the overall sector trend," Mr. Werner said. "In view of the favorable sales development and improved cost structures, we can say that jobs at Mercedes-Benz are more re today than they were a year ago." Mr. Werner said car sales increased 17 percent, to 593,000 units in 1994, while sales

of trucks, vans and buses increased 15 percent, to 292,000. He predicted that sales of commercial vehicles would pass 300,000 by "a considerable margin" this year. The new Sprinter van,

unveiled in Düsseldorf on Monday, was ex-

pected to lead the way.

Mr. Werner said investment in the commercial division would reach 3.5 billion Deutsche marks (\$2.3 billion) in the next three years, while an additional 3 billion DM would

be spent on research and development.

But Daimler-Benz shares fell 22 DM to
709.50 DM on Monday and some analysts
were skeptical about the commercial division's turnaround prospects. "All of their improvement has been outside

of Europe, but Europe seems to be the place where they make or lose a profit," said Philip Ayion of Barclays de Zoete Wedd. Keith Haynes, an analyst with Merrill

Lynch & Co., downgraded Daimler-Benz to "below average" from "neutral" last week.

Most of the company's growth in commer-

cial-vehicle production came from foreign markets, with particularly strong growth in Southeast Asia and South America, Mr. Wer-

(Bloomberg, AFX)

British GDP Grows at 4% Rate

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches LONDON - The British economy expanded a seasonally adjusted 4 percent in the fourth quarter, compared with the like Although Cadbury has aimed period a year earlier, the Central Statistical Office reported Monfor a larger share of the U.S. market for years, the company day. Analysis said this increased said Monday that it was not

the likelihood of an interest-rate willing to pay so much for Dr Pepper that its earnings would suffer. It said it would buy Dr Pepper/Seven-Up only if the Gross domestic product, the measure of economic output, rose a higher-than-expected 0.8 impact on earnings would at least be neutral this year and percent in the fourth quarter, est GDP estimate. unchanged from the previous positive next year and beyond. quarter but the 11th successive In October Cadbury had disincrease, the office said. closed in a Securities and Ex-

Excluding oil and gas, GDP change Commission filing that rose 0.7 percent from the third it had held merger talks with Dr quarter and climbed an annual

(Bloomberg, AP)

The annual growth rate was panded 4 percent, in line with down slightly from the 4.1 percent rate recorded in the third quer's forecast in the budget. quarter of 1994.

the output of the production inquarter," a statistics official said. While industrial production half of 1994.

numbers have only been released for November, statistics officials incorporated advance figures for December in the lat-But the growth pace was ex-

pected to slow in the fourth quarter as consumers and businesses felt the effect of recent interest-rate rises and tax increases, analysts said.

For 1994, the economy ex-

The British Treasury wel-"It is estimated that growth in comed the slowdown in the year-on-year GDP rate and said dustries slowed again in this the growth rate had become more sustainable since the first

> But analysts were skeptical that the growth slowdown would be enough to prevent the economy from overheating because demand outstripped production capacity and inflation would be forced higher.

Most economists predicted push up bank base rates by half

that the Bank of England would

Dutch Suit Against SBC Tests Adviser Liability trying to blame them for a normal invest-The Dutch companyy said it knew that

> The spokesman also said, "In light of the fact that the Belgian state and Air France cannot invest more in Sabena, Swissair has said it is ready to invest the 5 to 6 billion francs of new funds

> > (Bloomberg, Reuters) said Britain, where the working

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worldwide portable-telephone system carried by 12 satellites.

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Switzerland said that its attempts to extend money laundering

laws beyond the traditional banking sector had failed and that it

would set up a working group to come up with fresh proposals.

Spie-Batignolles SA shares fell nearly 5 percent after its parent company. Schneider SA, said it was considering reorganizing the

SNI and Deutsche Aerospace AG said it had a loss in 1994 after

sales fell 12 percent, to 9 billion francs (\$1.7 billion). It did not

provide other figures but said that the deficit narrowed from that

Siemens-Nixdorf Informationssysteme AG said it would buy the

remaining stake in Pyramid Technology Corp. of California, for \$207 million. Siemens already held a 17 percent stake in Pyramid,

Eurocopter Holding SA, a joint venture between Aerospa

in 1993, when it had a loss of 462 million francs.

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Compiled by Our Staff From Despaich BRUSSELS - Sabena SA Belgium's national airline, needs a cash infusion of between 5 billion Belgian francs (\$160 million) and 6 billion francs within several months or will face a complete shutdown, a government official said Monday.

Sabena is at a crossroads, said Transport Minister Elio Di Rupo. "Either it develops and lives, or we do nothing and the company's survival will be in doubt." The Belgian government is considering a proposal by Swissair, the Swiss air carrier, to buy 49 percent of Sabena, but. that is "the only serious offer on the table," Mr. Di Rupo said.

Sabena lost 4.5 billion francs in 1993 and lost money again in 1994, although results have not yet been announced. The company employs 10,000 people and owns 57 airplanes.

Apart from the need for a cash infusion to reduce debt, analysis have said Sabena needs to forge alliances to help reduce costs. Luxembourg's national airline. Luxair, last week turned down Sabena's offer to share pilots and aircraft, and Sabena's alliance with Air France has largely seen an unhappy one.

Air France bought a 25 percent stake in Sabena in 1991. but the French national airline needed a 20 billion-French franc (\$3.8 billion) government bailout last year to avoid bankruptcy after accumulating

losses of 37 billion francs. "Air France finds itself in a very difficult situation," Mr. Di Rupo said. "Even if it wanted to help out Sabena, it couldn't."

Regarding the Swissair offer, a spokesman for the Belgian Communications Ministry said Swissair was willing initially to limit its stake to between 49 and 49.9 percent of Sabena's capital, but wanted an agreement from the Belgian government allowing a higher stake to be acquired big claims from marine and aviation aclater if EU law permitted. counts were due when it made the acquisi-

that Sabena needs."

Workweeks: More Is Less week averaged 43.4 hours for the 1983-92 period, was the only EU

> had increased in that decade. Of the 12 countries in the EU before 1995, Ireland, Greece, Spain and Portugal also had average workweeks in excess of 40 hours - yet those four, with Britain, trailed the rest of the EU in output per person.

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Belgium's working week averaged 38.2 hours, and the average for the EU was 40.3 hours.

MADRID - Banco Bilbao Vizcaya said Monday setas (\$548 million), adding

BBV Hopeful As Net Rises

its 1994 net profit rose 1.8 percent, to 72.3 billion peit was "frankly optimistic BBV, Spain's second-largest commercial bank, said net interest income rose 4.2 percent, to 449 bil-

lion pesetas.

LONDON - Nederlandse Reassurantie Groep Holding NV, the Dutch reinsurance concern, took Swiss Bank Corp. and two other companies to court Monday in a case that will test the limits of financial advisers' responsibilities to their clients.

NRG, the reinsurance unit of Internationale Nederlanden Groep NV, is suing Ernst & Young, the U.S. accounting firm, and Bacon & Woodrow, an actuarial concern, along with SBC for a total of £375 million (\$592 million) for allegedly giving

it bad advice when NRG bought Victory Reinsurance Co. in July 1990. After the purchase, Victory was deluged

by claims from disasters in the late 1980s including the Exxon Valdez oil spill and Hurricane Hugo — which drained its funds and left it unable to pay extensive NRG says the three companies that ad-

vised it should have warned that Victory had insufficient reserve funds.

Woodrow deny any fault and say NRG is representing NRG. .107:::

tion but was led to believe Victory would suffer a shortfall from the claims of about £27 million, rather than the eventual deficit of £255 million.

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But SBC, Ernst & Young and Bacon & it," said Charles Humphreys, a solicitor

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Asian Central Banks Plan Ways to Protect Currencies

HONG KONG - Responding to concern that speculators may target their currencies for devaluation, central bankers from Hong Kong and five Southeast Asian nations met this week-end to discuss possible defense strategies, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority said Monday.

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The central bankers exchanged information occurred in their currencies," said a spokesman for the Monetary Authority, the territory's central bank. The central bankers "agreed to keep in touch and exchange information.

Several Asian countries were forced to defend their currencies earlier this month amid concern brought on by the devaluation of the Mexican peso. After the interventions, representatives of the Monetary Authority and the central banks of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand agreed to meet to exchange information about institutions and individuals speculating against their currencies.

Rafael Buenaventura, president of the Bankers Association of the Philippines, said he would support a system by which countries in the region shared information on speculators.

"It would probably be a good idea," said Mr. Buenaventura, who is also president of Philip-pine Commercial International Bank. "I suppose if they get the data, they could call and exercise some moral suggion."

The central bankers also agreed not to tell anyone exactly what strategies they discussed or how they intended to dig up information on potential speculators,

"I can't add more than what's in the statement," a spokesman for the Monetary Authority said. "We will work with other banks in the region and keep in close contact. By doing this, it will help to curb speculation in region."

Edgardo Zialcita, deputy governor of the Philippine central bank, said the central bankers had exchanged stories and statistics about assaults on their currencies that occurred on Jan. 12 and 13. Analysts linked the battering of the currencies to the peso's problems in Mexico. Fund managers sold off stocks in emerging markets, many

advantage of the situation.

at the meeting, said: "Everyone was saying there should be some sort of information-gathering system so that you can react more quickly and effectively. But there were no concrete agreements about what to do."

Mr. Zialcita also acknowledged the difficulties in identifying and punishing speculators. Coopcration among monetary authorities in Hong concerning speculative activity and where it has Kong and Southeast Asia, he said, could lead to an exchange of information on institutions that speculate heavily.

> A San Francisco-based hedge-fund manager. who insisted on anonymity, said that speculators may make another run on the Hong Kong dollar but that any such efforts would likely be thwarted by the Monetary Authority.

> "It's ludicrous to think the peg could be bro-ken," he said, citing Hong Kong's \$43 billion in loreign currency reserves that could be used to support the Hong Kong dollar.

> Hong Kong has pegged its currency to the U.S. dollar since 1983, targeting a value of 7.8 Hong Kong dollars to \$1. Over the past two years, the Hong Kong unit has been trading above the target, with a U.S. dollar worth just 7.72 Hong Kong dollars. Earlier this month, however, heavy selling of the Hong Kong currency pushed the exchange rate to 7.7740, the U.S. dollar's highest since it touched 7.7790 on June 25, 1993.

> The plunge of the Mexican peso since Dec. 20 - and the slide of more than 40 percent in Mexican stocks that has accompanied it - has reminded many international investors that some of the world's fastest-growing economies are not immune from currency devaluations.

Indeed, central bankers in several Asian countries have been forced to defend their currencies during the past two weeks by raising interest rates. Central bankers in the Philippines and Indonesia last week raised rates to show their determination to support their currencies, and the Thai central bank offered foreigners a special deal to buy the Thai baht.

The hedge-fund manager said that the question of whether Asian currencies again come under pressure depends on what happens in Mexico. "If Mexico looks positive, then the pressaid, and currency speculators attempted to take ivantage of the situation.

Sure will be off all world currencies," he said. "I think it will all blow over." (Bloomberg, Reuters)

Low Bids Forecast For Land Auction In Hong Kong

HONG KONG - An auction Wednesday of government land is expected to draw weak response, hurting Hong Kong's already-flagging real estate market, property analysts said Monday.

The government is auctioning a 16,770-square-meter (180,000-square-loot) industrial site at Ap Lei Chau on Hong Kong island. Also, in the New Territories, it is auctioning an 11,280-square-meter commercial site at Fanling and a 6,500-square-meter residential site at Shatin.

Analysts predicted the Fanling and Ap Lei Chau sites would not reach minimum prices set by the gov-ernment and would be withdrawn from sale, sending gloomy signals to the mar-

"The market is in a very depressed state," said Franklin Lam, a property analyst with Salomon Brothers Inc. "Prices have come down by 20 to 25 percent from their offer prices."

The residential site at Shatin will test the appetite of apartment developers who have been slashing prices to draw interest, noted analysts.

"If the site is bidding at lower prices, it will be an indication for the property market," said Jenny Ting, a property analyst at Mansion House Securities Ltd. "The market is still very nervous

because some prices are still

Last month, for the first time in a decade, Hong Kong's government with drew a residential site from auction when it attracted no

A year ago, Hong Kong eclipsed Tokyo as the world's most expensive city in which to rent office space, and a loyant economy saw rents double for luxury housing.

But rising U.S. interest rates and a diving Hong Kong stock market in 1994 took the froth off the market. Government measures to dampen speculation and bring housing within reach of first-home buyers also lowered some prices.

■ Consumer Prices Rise

Hong Kong consumer prices in December were 9.5 percent higher than they were a year earlier, as inflation continued to hound the colony. Agence France-Presse reported Monday.

The Census and Statistics Department said the increase in vegetable prices in December, triggered by bad weather, was largely to blame for sustaining the high level of the omposite consumer price index.

The Hang Seng consumer price index, which reflects the impact of inflation on high-income households, was up 10.3 percent.

Australia Assails U.S. **Dairy Move**

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CANBERRA — Australia's dairy farmers and government reacted angrily Monday to a United States decision to ship subsidized dairy products to some of Australia's traditional markets in Asia.

Trade Minister Bob McMullan said the government and dairy industry were "deeply dis-appointed" by the U.S. action, saying it would "massively increase" the supply of dairy products in Australia's markets. The U.S. Department of Ag-

riculture announced Friday it would allow exports of as much as 114,000 metric tons of subsidized milk powder, 37,650 tons of butter and 3,850 tons of cheese to Asia and Latin America in the first half of this year. "It's certainly an excessive re-

action to domestic political pressures and their failure to win market share in Asia." Mr. McMullan said. "If they want to come and sell dairy products in Asia, that's their business. It's a free market. The problem is we don't want them subsidizing it." U.S. officials, however, de-

fended the action, We wouldn't be trying to go after the entire import markets they've been traditional markets of Australia," said Richard Rominger, deputy secretary of agriculture, "but if these markets have been growing, we would want our growers to have a chance there as well."

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City Horse Trading Ltd. of Hong Kong and Urban Development Service Co. of Vietnam reached a tentative accord to build a 100hectare (247-acre) minicity in Ho Chi Minh City, in what would be the country's largest international joint venture. The Dream Land project is to include a massive housing development as well as offices, hotels, store, schools, hospitals, sports facilities and parks, of any of those countries where • Christie's International PLC said it was acquiring a 40 percent

stake in its Hong Kong and Taiwan auction business, owned by John Swire & Sons Ltd.; it did not disclose terms.

• China said it would invest 100 billion yuan (\$12 billion) by 2000 to expand its passenger-car industry and plans to raise output to 4.2 million cars a year by 2010 from 250,000 last year.

 Woolworths Ltd. said sales rose 11 percent in the 14 weeks ended Jan. 8, to 3.65 billion Australian dollars (\$2 billion) and predicted they would lose 20 million Aust- earnings for the period would be up at least 12 percent.

ralian dollars (\$15 million) as the South Korea's economy is expected to grow 7.3 percent this year, subsidized products depressed fueled by rising consumption and investments in construction, the prices. (Reuters, Bloomberg) central bank said. AFP, Reuters, Bloomberg, AF

Eunetcom Sees 1995 Sales Growth from Asia Pacific

SINGAPORE - Eunetcom, a French-German telecommunication joint venture, expects revenue to hit \$100 million in 1995, with a significant portion coming from the Asia-Pacific

region, an executive said Monday.
"We are going to see Asia represent a growing part of the revenues in the next three to five years," said Hugues Ferreboeuf, Eunetcom's vice president of marketing. "Asia will probably contribute about 20 to 30 percent. We are expecting an annual turnover of \$100

venture became operational 16 months India and Vietnam. ago," he added.

consults on international computer net- point of this expansion," he said. works and communications infrastructure, mainly for European and American multinational corporations.

France Telecom SA and Deutsche Telekom AG each hold 50 percent in the

Mr. Ferreboeuf said the Asian region now contributes only about 5 percent to. That figure "will mean a growth rate to expand, he said, including venturing growth.

of 300 to 400 percent since the joint into the emerging markets of China,

Eunetcom develops, manages and services in Asia. Singapore is a starting try in the next three years to increase its With the liberalization of the region's telecommunications industry, Mr. Fer-

> Herbert Muller, managing director of Deutsche Telecom Asia-Pacific region, "It reflects our long-term confidence said that as multinational corporations in the market," Mr. Suard said. The

Separately, Alcatel Alsthom SA of France is to invest \$300 million in Chi-"We are going to promote actively our na's fledgling telecommunications induspresence in the world's largest market.

That is as much as Alcatel has investreboeuf said he expected the market to ed in the sector over the past two years. company chairman Pierre Suard said in Beijing at the weekend.

set up offices and headquarters in the investment will enable Alcatel to "estabregion. Eunetcom will be able to offer lish a manufacturing base from which group-revenue. But the company plans services to them and benefit from their we can target other developing countries in Asia Pacific." he said.

His Influence Waning, Patten Calls for a Smooth Transition

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that foreign investment levels would decline this year, Indo-

nesia said Monday that it was

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Minister Sanyoto Sastrowardoyo. "I don't think we can

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for areas in Eastern Indonesia

and certain parts of Western

"For example, I think we should give investors tax deduc-

tions if they build their own infrastructure," he said.

Total approved foreign in-

Mr. Sanyoto said Indonesia

was relying on foreign capital to

fuel its economy, projected to

grow by about 7 percent in 1995.

sia's coordinating minister for industry and trade said the gov-

ernment would streamline li-

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Earlier this month, Indone-

vestment in Indonesia soared to

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HONG KONG - Chris Patten, Hong Kong's governor, said Monday that his influence was waning and that international investors now look in-

Hong Kong's future business climate. suspect it has come, when my reassur-

men than what Chinese officials are say- won't be delayed or postponed, and I'm ing," he said in a speech to Hong Kong's sure that the leadership in China will Foreign Correspondents' Club.

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to Hong Kong's well-being remain unre-

less important to investors and business- next few years," he said. "I hope decisions peals-court system, and the future of civil servants under a Chinese adminis-

"Too many uncertainties have been left unresolved," he said. "Putting off decisions, whether it is done by the Hong Kong government or by anyone

continue with the economic revolution Mr. Patten said he hoped China's deci- begun so notably by Deng Xiaoping." But a host of transition issues crucial

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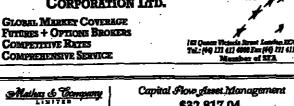
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AGENDA

Deletion in paragraph 2 of article 22 of the Articles of Incorporation of the terms "in Luxembourg" in the two places where they appear.

2. Amendment of paragraph 9 "Valuation Regulations", sub-paragraph B(ii) of article 22 of the Articles of Incorporation so that it reads as follows: "(ii) securities which are traded on stock exchanges are to be valued at the last available closing price on the Valuation Date (or if there has been no sale, at the closing bid price) quoted on the stock exchange which is normally the principal market for such security, or. if the Board so decides, at the last available price at the time when the valuation is carried out,

or, in unusual circumstances of trading activity such that the Corporation considers that such price does not reflect fair market value, at fair market value in the opinion of the Corporation". Deletion in article 22 of the Articles of Incorporation, paragraph 9, subparagraph B(v) of the term "closing".

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not be a shareholder of the Fund. Resolutions on the agenda of the Adjourned General Meeting will be adopted if voted by two

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$Quiet John \, Stockton, the \, Passing \, Fancy \, Guard \, Who'll \, Break \, Magic's \, Mark$

By Ira Berkow

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Like a typical tourist, the dark-haired man with the video camera and wife and their three small children in tow was filming the merry scene along the crowded Rambias, the heart of Barcelona, during the Olympic Games in 1992 when a woman caught his attention.

She was a vision in red, white and blue, wearing a flowing scarf in the Stars and Stripes, a skirt of the same ilk and a T-shirt with an imprint of the Dream Team.

"Do you mind if I get you on camera?" the man asked her.

'Certainly not," said the woman. "Are you a fan of the Dream Team?" asked the man. "Oh yes," gushed the woman,

"and I just saw Charles Barkley down the street! And I've seen Magic Johnson, too!" "So have I," said the man.
"Are you American, 100?" the

woman asked. And just before the man replied, his son Houston, then 4, pointed to a face on her shirt and The woman looked down at the

shirt, and then at the man behind the camera. "Is that you?" she asked.

"Are you John Stockton?"
"Well, yes," said John Stockton.

The woman flushed, a bit embarrassed. "I just saw Charles Barkley down the street!" she repeated. 'And Magic Johnson, too!"

It was not news to John Stockton, point guard supreme, that he would go unrecognized --- even by a basketball fan - for he often gets lost in crowds. Sometimes he is so self-effacing as a team player that he seems, at 6 feet, 1 inch (1.86 meters) and 175 pounds (80 kilos), to even vanish on a basketball court. Unless you watch carefully, appreciating the defeness of his craft, the pure professionalism.

And next week, or within the next few games, he will ever so unobtru-sively, well, pass his former Dream Team teammate, Magic Johnson, as the career assists leader in the National Basketball Association.

"He's so good, you begin to take him for granted," said Karl Malone, the All-Star forward and Stockton's teammate on the Utah Jazz for 10 seasons. "I've just come to always expect the perfect pass from him, and I get it. And I was thinking not long ago, even I don't appreciate him as much as I should. And I know one day years from now when we're both retired, and I'm on a tractor on my ranch in Arizona, I'll get off and go to a phone and call him. And I'll

just say, 'Damn, Stock, how ya do-

Going into Monday night's game against Dallas, Stockton stood 44 assists behind Oscar Robertson and 78 behind Johnson, who compiled 9,921 in 874 games (Stockton has played 854 games), and is averaging 12. I assists a game, slightly above his career average of 11.5.

He is, as usual, leading the league in this department and, as usual, he is one of the NBA's leaders in steals. He has won the assists title the past seven seasons, and if he wins it again this season he will tie Bob Cousy for having do so the most consecutive

Stockton is the most uncommon of performers, one who favors that the limelight shine elsewhere.

"He has to be the most unselfish athlete in any major sport," said Jim Chones, a color analyst for the Cleveland Cavaliers, who played 10 years in the American Basketball Association and the NBA. "He always looks to pass first - to create - and shooting is second. How he does it, and why he does it, is a lost

One could no more imagine John Stockton dying his hair green, for example, or throwing a tantrum at a coach's decision or beating his chest not all that quick, or strong," said jabbing an elbow into a defender's dribble.

and howling after committing a David Benoit, a teammate, "and he's ribs, or pulling on a bigger player's "Most other guys have to pick the

thing dumb on the court.

"I have an ego like everyone else," he said recently. "I want to be recog-nized as a good ball player." Even though he has been an All-Star for the past six seasons, and was named said, 'I can take that little white guy.' to the all-NBA first team last season. And then he makes dead meat out of he is only fifth in balloting for Western Conference guards for this year's

All-Star game. "Fifth was pretty good," he said,

Sometimes he is so self-effacing as a team player that he seems to almost vanish on the basketball court.

with a smile. "But does that voting really matter?" "He's a small Magic Johnson," said K. C. Jones, the Hall of Fame

backcourtman and current assistant buzzer coach of the Detroit Pistons. "He always seems to make the right decision at the right time. But every now and then he makes a boo-boo and

you go, 'Wow!'"
"You get the impression that he's

are usually straightforward, nothing picks. behind the back or between the legs, and rarely a no-look. I know that a lot of other point guards in the league, especially black guys, have said, 'I can take that little white guy.'

Like who?

"Take your pick," Benoit replied.
"When I first came into the league," said Johnny Dawkins, a vet-eran point guard with the Pistons, "I thought I could take him pretty easily. But I learned that you can't relax small cowlick a-flap, his deep-set ha-for a second with him. He sees every-zel eyes surveying the scene, and thing on the court, and he's aware of

everything.
"You stand up for a moment and
he's got that quick first step and he's got you on his hip, and he's either laying the ball in the hoop or dishing off to somebody for a basket. And then when you least expect it, when the game is on the line, he'll pull up for a 3-pointer and hit one at the

He will use everything at his disposal, or in his arsenal, to make the play, including pushing a forearm into a rival's throat as he drives, and getting the foul called on the other player when he retaliates, or

"Stockton's one of the dirtiest players in the league," the Nuggets' Robert Pack said recently, "But if he can get away with it, more power to

"Sure, and I'll bet Robert Pack never grabbed ahold of anyone's jersey," said the Jazz coach, Jerry Sloan. "That stuff hardly accounts

for John's greatness. One sees John Stockton dribbling downcourt, ever poker-faced, his bair falling across his forehead, a zel eyes surveying the scene, and teammates cutting here and there off

"And you can't take your eyes off him," said the rookie forward Jamie Watson, "I have, and I've been hit in the head and the back, and even on my hands. But John never criticizes - that's not his style. He understands that you won't be able to catch all his passes.

He has big hands for a relatively small man, as large as those of his former teammate Mark Iavoroni. who was nearly 7 feet tall. One advantage of such huge hands is that Stockton can throw a pass with one hand by palming the ball off the

good play than seeing him do some not really flashy. I mean, his passes jersey when he sets one of his strong hall up to grip it with two hands before they can pass," said Jeff Hornacek, the team's other starting guard. "But I marvel at his anticipation. Like a quarterback. I'll come around off a pick and in the split second I'm open, the ball will just be

just sitting there waiting to be shot." Oscar Robertson said that assists these days have often been devalued. Many are given even though a player who receives a pass has, as Robert-

son said, "taken four or live dribbles and made another move to score," Homacek said: "That's not the case with John. Almost all his passes lead immediately to a basket."

A remarkable one, for example, occurred near the end of a recent home game and capped a victory over Cleveland. He was surrounded by three players near midcourt and lofted a pass to Antoine Carr, who was beside the basket.

Later, it was mentioned to Stockton: "You couldn't possibly have seen Carr when three bigger guys were on you with their hands up."

"I saw the other two Cavs cutting off the lanes on the sides and knew we had to have someone open around the basket," he replied. "That wasn't hard to ligure out." No, not for John Stockton, it

Virginia Stretches Past Georgia Tech

Virginia has shown it wants Tech with 29 points and 11 reto play that extra five minutes.

The 18th-ranked Cavaliers continued their remarkable overtime streak at home Sunday with an 88-85 victory over No. 22 Georgia Tech that was their second double-overtime triumph in a week.

They have won their last seven overtime games and 15 of 17 dating to the 1987-88 season. Cory Alexander was the latest hero for Virginia, scoring 24

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points and sinking the decisive 3-pointer with 30 seconds left in the second overtime in the Atlantic Coast Conference game.

"I always feel like we can wear teams down," said Alexander, who also had seven assists, "and when we get to that point of a game, we're in better shape than everybody else."

Still, the Yellow Jackets took the lead three times in the second overtime, the last at 85-83 on two free throws by Travis Best with 40 seconds left.

Alexander hit his 3-pointer 10 seconds later. Best missed a runner in the lane with 10 seconds left, then Harold Deane grabbed the rebound, was fouled and made two free

throws with 3.6 seconds left. The Cavaliers also got 19 points and 13 rebounds from Junior Burrough as they defeated the Yellow Jackets for the second straight time after nine consecutive losses to them.

bounds. No. 8 Maryland 84, North Carolina St. 67: The visiting Terrapins shot 71 percent in the second half of the ACC game and gave coach Gary Williams his 300th victory. Joe Smith led Maryland with 26 points.

Villanova 66, No. 10 Georgetown 60: The host Wildcats had a 17-point halftime lead cut to 54-52 with four minutes left. but held on as Kerry Kittles sank a 3-pointer with 1:30 to play to make it 59-52 in the Big East game.

Jonathan Haynes had 21 oints for Villanova; Othella Harrington topped the Hoyas with 21 points. Georgetown freshman Allen Iverson was hampered by a sprained right ankle and had two points in 10 minutes, all in the first half.

No. 12 Michigan St. 73, Michigan 71: Shawn Respert scored all but three of his 33 points in the second half of the Big Ten game as the visiting Spartans ended a four-game losing streak against the Wolverines.

Oklaboma St. 85, No. 16 Missouri 70: Bryant Reeves scored 28 points and Randy Ruther-ford scored 15 of his 23 on 3pointers in the Big Eight game as the Cowboys ended the Ti-gers' streak of 13 straight regular-season road victories.

No. 24 Florida 62, Tennesser 47: Andrew DeClerq had 16 points and 14 rebounds to lead the Gators to the road victory, their eighth consecutive win over the Volunteers.

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RIGHT NET, WRONG TIME — Brett Lindros, playing right wing for the Islanders, crashed into the visiting Senators' net and drew a two-minute delay-of-game penalty. The goalie, Craig Billington, made 36 saves, the last on Steve Thomas in overtime, to preserve a 3-3 tie against New York in Ottawa's first game of the NHL season.

Born Crabby

Suns Nip Magic SIDELINES As OT Expires

The game between this season's two top title contenders went down to the last second of overtime. The game between former champions wasn't nearly as close.

Orlando's contest in Phoenix lived up to the hype Sunday night, going into overtime before a foul by Anfernee Hardaway sent Elliot Perry to the line for the free throw that gave the Suns a 111-110 victory.

It was supposed to be a test of how the no-center Suns could handle Shaquille

NBA HIGHLIGHTS

O'Neal, but the Magic's big man didn't dominate. Despite finishing with 24 points, he missed three shots in the first two minutes of overtime.

"We never thought we could shut Shaq down, and tonight we didn't shut him down," said Phoenix's coach, Paul Westphal. "He missed some shots he ordinarily makes, so we're not going to take credit.".

contention. He sank seven 3-pointers to finish with 23 points, while Dan Majerle had 28 for Phoenix and Charles Barkley

But O'Neal didn't have nearly as much trouble in Phoenix as Houston's Hakeem Olajuwon did in Chicago. Last season's MVP missed 16 of 18 shots and finished with a season-low 15 points as the Bulls routed the Rockets, 100-81.

Even though the Rockets and the Bulls had won the last four NBA titles, their meeting was just another game. The Rockets lost for the fourth time in five games

the Bulls were just glad to get above .500. Chicago's Will Perdue, Luc Longley and Bill Wennington were partly responsible for Olajuwon's struggles, outscoring him by 17-15 and outrebounding him by 17-14.

"He had a cold night and struggled to finish his shots," Longley said, "but we got in his way now and again."

Michelson Wins in U.S. Golf TUCSON, Arizona (AP) - Phil Mickelson recov-

ered from an inconsistent front nine to win the Northern Telecom Open and become the first man to win the same tournament as an amateur and a profession-

Mickelson shot 4-under-par 68 Sunday for a fourround total of 269. He parred the last three holes after pulling into a tie with Jim Gallagher Jr., who bogeyed the 18th when he three-putted from 45 feet and Mickelson made a 2-footer. Gallagher shot 69 and finished in a tie with Scott Simpson at 270;

• The Walker Cup, the biennial competition between top amateur golfers from the United States and the British Isles, will be played at the Nairn Golf Club near Inverness, Scotland, in 1999.

For the Kecord

Dom Capers, the defensive coordinator of the Pitts-burgh Steelers, was hired as the first head coach of the

expansion Carolina Panthers. Mike Krzyzewski, one of the most successful coaches in U.S. college basketball, told the Duke team he will not be back this season as he attempts to recover

from surgery on a ruptured disk in his back. (NYT)

China should be barred from competing in this
summer's Pan Pacific Championships in Atlanta be-Dennis Scott's shooting kept Orlando in cause 10 of swimmers tested positive for banned drugs last year, the board of directors of the U.S. Swimming Federation recommended.

Frank Andersson, 38, who as a Greco-Roman world champion was among Sweden's most revered athletes before turning to pro wrestling in the United States, was convicted in Gothenburg of buying banned growth hormones and fined and given a suspended two-year prison sentence.

Duotable

Cortez Kennedy of the Seattle Seahawks, on allegations that players at his alma mater, Miami, were paid for big plays: "You reporters shouldn't be digging dirt. I don't think it's right — reporting some false stuff and some stuff that may be true."

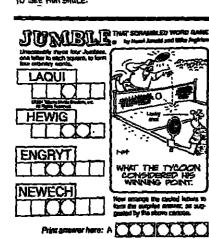
Promoter Bob Arum on the upcoming Super Bowl: "If I ever made a match like that in boxing, I don't think the commission would allow it.'

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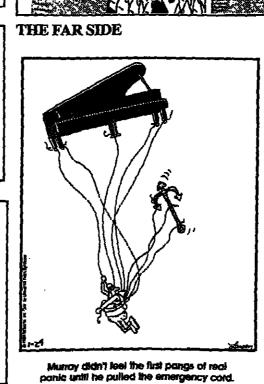
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def. Stelam Edberg (6), Sweden, 6-7 (6-8), 5-7, 64, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4, Andre Apassi (2), U.S., def.
Potrick Rotter, Australia, 6-2, 6-4, 6-9.
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Maricane Werdel Witmeyer, U.S., def. Barbara Paulus, Austria, 6-2, 6-3, Nooko Sawamatsu, Jason, def. Mory Joe Fernander (11),
U.S., 6-4, 7-6 (7-5), Arawhao Sanchez Vicaria
(1), Spath, def. Karino Hobaudova, Slovatka,
7-6, 6-0, Angelica Govaldon, Metko, def. Jana
Novatna (3), Czech Republic, 7-5, 6-0.

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Naoko Sawamatsu, having beaten Mary Joe Fernandez, had two good reasons to cheer while two-time champion Stefan Edberg couldn't believe he was playing so well and still losing.

Boats 1-2 in Cup Trials

Region

SAN DIEGO - It is not unusual to have a New Zealand boat atop the challengers' standings in the America's Cup

trials. Now there are two. Both New Zealand teams came from behind Sunday to defeat Australian boats as the first of the four round-robin tri-

That put Team New Zealand, at 6-0, and the Tag Hener Challenge, at 5-1, first and second in the Louis Vuitton Cup standings. Team New Zealand won their match by 4:42 in light and

flukey winds on Jan. 17. "We're certainly ahead of where we thought we'd be," said Chris Dickson, whose Tag Heuer team trained only four days before the round began.

The Russell Coutts-skippered Team New Zealand rallied to defeat Syd Fischer's Sydney 95, which withdrew on the last leg after trailing by more than 2½ minutes.

Dickson skippered NZL-39 to a 3-minute, 52-second victory even though Rod Davis, at the helm of oneAustralia, hounded Dickson into making two tacks and crossed the starting line with a 25-second lead.

In Sunday's third race, France 2 defeated Rioja de España by 3:42. Nippon, idle on the final day, was third with a 4-2 mark, fol-

lowed by oneAustralia (3-3). Sydney 95 (2-4), France 2 (1-5) and Rioja de España (0-6).

"We're not very happy winning only the European championship of the first round," said the French skipper, Marc Pajot. Phoenix Seatile L.A. Lakers Socromento Portland Golden State

On the defenders' course, Stars & Stripes, Paul Cayard again steering, handed Kevin Mahaney's Young America its first loss, by a margin of 3:09 in very light and shifty winds. Young America finished the round at 5-1, Stars & Stripes was 3-3 and the first all-women crew from America3 was 1-5.

New Zealand Wachter Wins, Decision Thursday on Championships

Top 25 College Results

& Moryland (143, 4-1) beat Nerth Carolina State (10-5, 2-3) 8447. Next; at Clemson, Nednesday; 16. Georgetown (123, 5-2) lost to Allianova (11-5, 4-2) 66-60. Next; vs. St. John's,

Tuesday; 12. Michigan State (12-2, 4-1) bent

Tuesday; 12, Alichigon State (12-2, 4-1) beat Milchigon (10-7, 4-2) 73-71. Next: vs. Minnesolu, Wednesday; 14. Missouri (13-3, 2-2) lost to Oblohomo State (12-6, 2-1) 85-70. Next: vs. Colorodo, Thursday.
18. Virgiala (11-4, 5-1) beat No. 22 Georgia Tech 38-85, 207. Next: vs. No. 15 Water Forest, Wednesday; 22, Georgia Tech (13-2-3) lost to Iso State (13-2) lost to Iso State (13-2) lost to Auburn. Wednesday.

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Fresh men's college baskettad poli fored NHL Standings

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy -Anita Wachter crushed her competitors Monday in a women's World Cup giant slalom, beating Swiss runner-up Vreni Schneider by nearly a second.

It was the Austrian's 11th victory in 10 seasons on the World Cup circuit and her second this year.

"I made some mistakes on top, in the second run, but I had an excellent performance overall," said the 27-year-old

Her season got off to a poor start, but earlier this month she won a super-G and finished second in a giant stalom. "I'm in very good shape now," she said after posting a combined time of 2

minutes, 34,41 seconds. Schneider, the defending World Cup champion, was clocked in 2:35.30.

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Spela Pretnar of Slovenia finished third, more than two seconds behind the leader, but said, "I'm really happy. I didn't expect to be on the podium because I haven't even had any top 10

that she's impossible to beat," Schneider

ring to the Italian skier, Alberto Tomba,

"She's like Tomba," she added, refer-

results this year" in the giant slalom. Wachter, the World Cup overall champion in 1993, never let up after building a huge first-run lead by skiing through 57 gates in 1:21.28 minutes. Schneider was 0.6 seconds back, while

Pretnar had a gap of 2.01 seconds. Olympic downhill champion Katja Seizinger of Germany, who placed third in both downhill raced in this Italian Wachter is skiing so well right now Dolomite resort Friday and Sunday, fin-

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ished seventh in the giant slalom. She ski federation said Monday in Lauheld onto first place in the overall standings. Heidi Zeller-Baehler of Switzerland, who is second, came in fifth Monwho on Sunday won his ninth race this day.

Wachter climbed to sixth overall, just behind the American Picabo Street. Street, winner of Sunday's downhill, did not qualify for the second run of the

Olympic giant slalom champion Deborah Compagnoni of Italy, weakened by the flu that forced her into bed on Sunday, skied only a few gates in the first

run before skiing off the course. The giant slalom was the last women's race before the World Alpine Champi-

· A decision will be made by Thursday on whether the championships will be held next week in Sierra Nevada. Spain, the president of the international

EASTERN CONFERENCE

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Boston 9 1 3—1 First Period: None, Second Period: P-Brown 1 Fredyk; B-Neely 1 (Dotes, Bourque); (pp), Third Period: B-Neely 2 (Ootes, Bour-que); (pp), B-Locrolx 1 (Polyin, Grudeni); B-Neely 3 (Ootes, Bourque); (pp), Shets on 9001; P 9-55—79, B 10-11-10—31, Gealles—P, Ponneal 8, 1 ooker

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sanne, Switzerland.

The championships are in danger of postponement because of a lack of snow, but FIS's president, Marc Hodler, said there is an 80 percent chance the two-week event will begin as scheduled

next Monday.

"Practically, four-fifths of all the courses are ready," Hodler said. "Also, artificial snow has been put alongside the courses in different places."

He said race directors were inspecting the courses and would make a report later Monday. FIS's general secretary, Gianfranco Kaspar, is to fly to Sierra Nevada on Tuesday.

"If we have a negative decision, we should know by Thursday," said Hodler, who reiterated that FIS could either postpone the championships until next year or hold them in Sierra Nevada later this spring.

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Bodger); T-Cole 1 (Klima, Gratino): (spo). BPreslev 1 (Internan); Third Period: None.
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(Gratiky, Kusth); (sp). Second Period: LAMcSorley 1 (Gretzky, Granzho); (pp). Third
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Period: E-Amett 2 (Corson, Richardson); L.A.-Lacroix 1 (Tecchel, Conacter); E-Sig-

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enic, (1:21,29-1:13,20) 2:34-9; 4. Mortine Eril, Germany, (1:22,07-1:13,69) 2:32-74; 5. Heidi Zeiter-Bachler, Switzerland (1:24-87-1:13,39) 2:37-28; 6, Asirrid Loedemel, Norway, (1:25,03-1:13,20) 2:38-31; 7. Katic Setzinoer, Germany, (1:24-81-13,55) 2:32-33; 8. Christi-na Meler-Hoeck, Germany, (1:23,57-1:15,06) 2:38-32; 9, Birgit Heeb, Liechterstein, (1:24-52-1:14,28) 2:38-30; 18, Karet Koren, Slovenia, (1:24-64-1:14,17) 2:38-23. Giant siddan steadioss (After 5 roces); 1, Heidi Zeiter-Bachler, Switzerland, 399; 3, Sabina Panaonini, Hoiy, 212; 4, Anita Wachter, Aus-tria, 195; 5. Martino Eril, Germany, 186; Birgit Heeb, Liechterstein, 164; 7, Morianne Kloerstod, Narway, 161; 8, Deborah Compog-

Birgit Heeb, Llecitensteis, 164; 7, Moriano Kloerstad, Narwoy, 161; 8, Deborph Compag-noni, Haly, 160; 9, Katfa Setzinger, Germany,

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ter 19 roces): 1, Katja Seizinger, Germany, 799; 2, Heidi Zeller-Bachler, Switzerland, 744;

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Wibers, Sweden, 439; & Hilary Lindh, U.S., 394; 9, Florence Masnada, France, 289; 16,

World Cup Results

Krickstein Magic: **Edberg Vanishes**

Novotna, Fernandez, Martin Also Upset, Agassi Triumphs

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The crowd had gotten into an

upset mood early on when former two-time champion Stefan sooner had Edberg exited than Novotna, succumbed, 7-5, 6-0,

Agassi could barely miss a

John McEnroe was thrown out five years earlier had the laidback Australian Open rocked drive back over his head that a like this, 30,000 feet stomping. stunned Rafter volleyed into 15,000 voices screaming.

Edberg fell in five dramatic sets to Aaron Krickstein. And no the No. 3 women's seed. Jana in a turnult of errors to the 96thranked Angelica Gavaldon, a Southern Californian who plays "Maybe in my past life I was

news that her best friend had survived the Kobe earthquake bumped off two-time finalist and No. 11 seed Mary Joe Fernandez, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5), to gain her first Grand Slam quarterfinal. The No. 1 women's seed

on to beat Patrick McEnroe, 6-4, 6-4, 6-7 (7-9), 5-7, 6-4, and Marianne Werdel Witmeyer of the United States beat the Austrian Barbara Paulus, 6-2, 6-3. So, when Andre Agassi and

Patrick Rafter, Australia's last hope in its Grand Slam show, came on, the crowd was ready to believe in a miracle. Unfortunately Rafter, it would have taken a miracle for him to win.

shot, making only one unforced error in the first set, two in the second, and none in the third, never yielding on serve and

for Mexico and wonders whether she's a reincamated Aussie.

born here or something," Gavaldon said, trying to explain her success. Yevgeni Kafelnikoi, seeded 10th, had knocked out No. 8

Todd Martin, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2, and Naoko Sawamatsu — buoyed by

Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, did defeat Karina Habsudova of Slovakia, 7-5, 6-0, while Jacco Eltingh of the Netherlands held

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terbocks coach, and moved Carl Hargrave, offensive assistant-light ends coach, to run-

offensive assistant-light ends coach, to run-ning backs coach.

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EDMONTON—Styned Mats Lindoren, cen-ter, to a five-year contract,

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The Assigned Press winning by 6-3, 6-4, 6-0 to reach MELBOURNE — Not since the quarterfinals in 86 minutes. In the second set, he chased down a lob and flicked a line

> the net to fall behind, 2-1. "I was actually going to go between the legs," Agassi said, "but then I realized there's no way that he's going to stay back at the baseline. I knew he was coming in, so I figured I'd kind of make it look like I was going to go through my legs but then get it under his feet."

That Agassi could think about all that and execute the trick shot so deftly spoke volumes about just how sharp he was against Rafter, who beat him in an exhibition two weeks ago. Agassi had arrived in Australia just the day before, but that victory was enough to raise the hopes of Rafter and his countrymen.

But with Agassi crunching one return after another against the Australian's big serves, it was soon obvious that the exhibition loss had been meaning-less. Still, the fans cheered wildly to the end, and when Agassi ripped one last return into the corner they stood in an ovation for both players.

"That was amazing. That's what we live for, that sort of atmosphere," Rafter said. "It was fantastic."

If there was magic in the air, it was in the way Krickstein beat the sixth-seeded Edberg after seven straight losses to him. For this occasion, Krickstein brought out something special — the discontinued Yonex rackets he played with when he was a top-10 player in the late '80s.

"I actually picked up some old rackets that I beat him with in 1989," Krickstein said, addding: "Maybe they're magic

Whether it was the rackets or the uncanny number of lucky net cords he had. Krickstein won, 6-7 (8-6), 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 (7-

Trailing by 1-4 in the third set, he swept the next five games, then pushed the fourth set to a tiebreaker after falling Samplings, December 30 points Furnish 30, Locio 31, Roma 28, Milan 28, Forentina 27, Sampdorla 25, Fopila 24, Bart 23, Copilar 22, Inster 21, Torino 28, Naciol 18, Cremonese 17, Genna 17, Padova 17, Revelent 12, Brescio 9. behind, 2-5. He put it away with a backhand return crosscourt, and Edberg wearily sank to his seat to prepare for the lifth set.

In it, Krickstein jumped to a 3-0 lead and was ahead, 4-2, Final leading stores and price money Sunday at the PGA Tour's \$1.25 million event, which was sloved on the 7,144-year, par Tucson Motional Golf Club and the 4,940-yeard, when Edberg broke back on a disputed call — a backhand crosscourt by Krickstein that was ruled wide.

Krickstein got his first opportunity to win the match at 5-4 when he broke his opponent with a backhand return that Edberg punched into the net after

3 hours, 43 minutes. "It just feels strange to lose a match like this," he said, "because I'm playing quite well. Obviously I can always play better, but I'm playing a good match. I'm playing tennis and attacking and playing myself into position and I should win

the match, but somehow I don't. "It's very tunny with tennis. You think you've got them, but you've got to get that last point.

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You have to get to work. Believe it or not, books aren't easy to

You have to sit in front of a computer and stare at the screen until you come up

Buchwald with the first sentence. That's the hard part. And if it

doesn't come, you had better throw in the towel and join a country music band. I'll tell you what, I'll help

with the opening. I'm not going to write the whole book for you. I would have done it before Robert Novak warned me that he was not going to let you take the 4.5 mil.

The trick is to grab the reader. How about this: 'It was the worst of times

and the worst of times." Proust would have liked it. Here's a suggestion for the opening: "The first time I saw

Wrist Slap for Rock Singer

MELBOURNE - An Auson Monday to behave herself satisfaction a Speaker of the for one month after she admitted abusing a flight attendant. So stop procrastinating and She pleaded guilty to using an obscenity after the attendant suggestion: "I am not a crook." told her to take her feet off the the president said to his wife. wall. Love, 30, was widowed last year by the suicide of Kurt as Deep Throat, hidden in the

WASHINGTON — O. K., her beautiful body and ruby red lips, lobbying a senator to lift the ban on all assault weapons,

I knew I had to have her." You want a winner for your nonfiction book. How does this sound: "When I'm not talking to my mother on the phone, love to curl up in bed and read Louisa May Alcott stories. The part that turns me on in 'Little Women' is that in spite of a difficult life none of the sisters ever applied for food stamps."

Or what do you think of this: She came into my room wearing a black negligee and sat on the bed. She began to rub my neck and then she uttered the words I was longing to hear: Tell me again about your Contract With America.' Thank God she wasn't a liberal."

News, writing a book means you have to introduce charac-ters that the reader cares about. Try this: "If I loved any man in the world it was Father Flanagan. Not because he was close to God, not because he was in favor of school prayer, not be-cause he told his boys to stay away from free school lunches, but because he was an economic supply-sider and wanted to restore fiscal responsibility to the United States — even if it meant selling public television to Rupert Murdoch to do it." The Book-of-the-Month

Club is waiting for you, Newt. You may have to go on the Larry King show on publica-tion day and heaven knows how many Pat Robertson programs. But just the creation of your tralian court ordered the Amer- book, which will live forever in ican rock singer Courtney Love literary history, is the greatest

Unfortunately, the man known Cobain, lead singer of the group shadows of the White House garage, overheard him.'

Manu Dibango: At Home Everywhere and Nowhere

By Mike Zwerin
International Herald Tribune

DARIS — When Manu Dibango crosses borders, which is often, he prefers to be considered a "musician" rather than French, African, Cameroonian or black. "We are a new race," he says. "African musicians retain their roots but are at home everywhere in the world now. Everywhere and nowhere."

Touring the United States for two and a half months last summer, Dibango was both excited and mystified by the enormous country where native musicians drive vans for 22 hours to play gigs for union scale, where football beyond me." His band played just about everywhere from Boston to San Diego by way of the House of Blues in New Orleans. Business was good: "We even had them dancing the makossa in Phoenix, Barry Goldwater country."

He looks more pensive than alienated. Distracted rather than worried. His wife is ill. With the cartoon channel running a silent Woody Woodpecker, his daughter, his business manager, is on the line. There's a record to promote, tours to set up, invitations from televi-sion shows. Considering Manu's busy career and their spacious duplex on the top of a shiny building in the 20th arrondissement, the Dibango family does not seem to have a money prob-

His shaven cranium has leveled his age for more than a decade now. It has always made him appear like a wise village elder, and he does indeed have a philosophical bent. His age (60) and what he does and says and the way that he says it add up to a combination father figure, pop star, jazzman, com-poser, media personality and oral histo-

"African music was in a museum for a long time. People said 'Africans have rhythm in their blood, everybody's a musician down there.' But the music stayed behind the tom-tom. It did not open itself up to the world. Africa only came to the world through its past.

never its present. Dibango came to Paris from Cameroon at the age of 15. His cousin married the African musicologist Francis Be-bey, who introduced him to the music of Sidney Bechet, Louis Armstrong and to the blues. Five years later he was play-

ing saxophone and keyboards in clubs around town. He accompanied Percy Sledge, jammed with Bud Powell.

"It used to be rare to see Africans sit and listen to music. Music was participatory. It was for dancing and ceremony, tied to gesture. One big change was that people started to go to concerns. There was also an emergence of soloists in the '70s. Musicians began to push themselves to be more than accompanists. That was all new."

Developing a big sound like Sonny Rollins's, Dibango expanded his horizons and became a band leader, playing soul, funk and bebop in concert halls and clubs around Europe. He was a World Music pioneer before the term was interested to see Thistory Vision an African vented. It was "bizarre. I was an African living in Europe, but my entire interior life was in the United States, where I'd never been.'

In 1972, he wrote and recorded "Soul Makossa" (based on a Cameroonian dance) in New York. It is one of those infuriatingly simple catchy riffs you can never get out of your head. It sold mil-lions around the world. He toured the United States with the Fania Allstars, a super salsa group, but nothing else caught on for him so he came back to Paris after three years and discovered the joys and sorrows of being local:
"My records sold in England but not France. The French mistrust anything French. They have a complex."

The history continues: "Paris became the world capital of African music. Commercially, there were Africans on prime time television and in the top 10 for the first time. It became possible to make big money. Since in general nothing in Africa makes money, this was important. Unfortunately the record company philosophy was something like. We want to make money with African music but we don't want to spend very much.'

He made sound tracks for several Francophonic African films, recorded in Jamaica with Robbie Shakespeare and Sly Dunbar. Produced in Paris by Martin Messonnier, his "Abbele Dance," a hit in Britain, introduced a style that came to be called Afro-electro

"African music seduced the French public. Mory Kante and Johnny Clegg had big hits here. Clegg sang his 'Asi-



"We even had them dancing the makossa in Phoenix."

bo-nanga' in Zulu. But Africa is a big continent. Each country has its own personality. They cannot be put in the same bag. Musicians came here to be able to do their own thing and listen to each other. Some were good at communicating, others were not. It's a palette,

it keeps changing." Billboard magazine said the credits for Dibango's new album "Wakafrika" read like "a star map of the world beat firmament." Guests include King Sun-ny Adé, Peter Gabriel, Salif Keita, Papa Wemba, Ladysmith Black Mambazo and Yousson N Dour, Jon Pareles of The New York Times reviewed it: "Dibango is still creating Afro-global fusions that are both slick and enjoyable."

History: "Young African instrumentalists who came to Paris began to learn how to play the planetary music of our century," Dibango said. "They went to the conservatory. They were influenced by John Coltrane and the Rolling Stones. The level improved; African music became a French export."

Dibango explains that the name "Wakafrika" comes from 'pidgin, the sort of broken English we speak at home in Cameroon. Waka means to walk. Also you can read it as 'wake' if you like." The album sold 150,000 copies or so and went into limbo as the record company went out of business. record company went out of business. Rights had to be renegotiated. It is about to be relaunched:

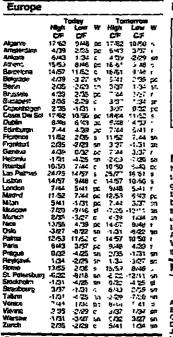
"Now the African scene is no longer strictly Francophonic. The new zero immigration policy makes it harder for the musicians to come to France 10 study and work. They go to London and New York, where the money is in any case. You can find African restaurants all over the United States now. What's going to happen to the spirituality of African music remains to be seen, but it's no longer France first. The artistic migration is going elsewhere. You can not separate culture from politics. In my opinion the entire Franco-African political game is changing. Africa is no longer a collection of ex-colonies. Afri-

Manu Dibango on tour: Geneva, Jan. 31, Feb. 1; Bern, Feb. 4 and 5; Berlin, Feb. 8 and 9; Hamburg, Feb. 10; Frankfurt, Feb. 14; Amsterdam, Feb. 17; Paris, Feb.

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at the ex-Beatle's expense. Seiji Ozawa, Japan's most renowned conductor, and the country's best orches-

up awards for best comedy performances. Dianne Wiest won best supporting actress and Martin Landau best supporting actor.

There will be no reunion of Led Zeppe lin, says bass player John Paul Jones. Ru-

mors had started when he appeared with

Robert Plant and Jimmy Page at the Rock

and Roll Hall of Fame. . . . George Harrison is suing his business manager of 20

years' standing. Denis O'Brien, for \$25 million, accusing him of living the high life



PEOPLE

BEACH BLANKET TENOR -- Laciano Pavarotti singing to thousands at a seaside concert in Miami Beach.

tra the NHK Symphony, feuded for 32 years. Something about Ozawa showing up for a performance and finding so orchestra, which had decided to soub the 27-year-'old upstart. Letting bygones be bygones. Ozawa picked up the baton Monday night for a charity performance to benefit disabled musicians. On the program: the Dvorak Cello Concerto with Mstislav Rostropovich.

.... The National Book Critics Circle announced its nominations for the 1994 awards. Winners will be chosen at a board meeting on Feb. 25. Among the nominees:

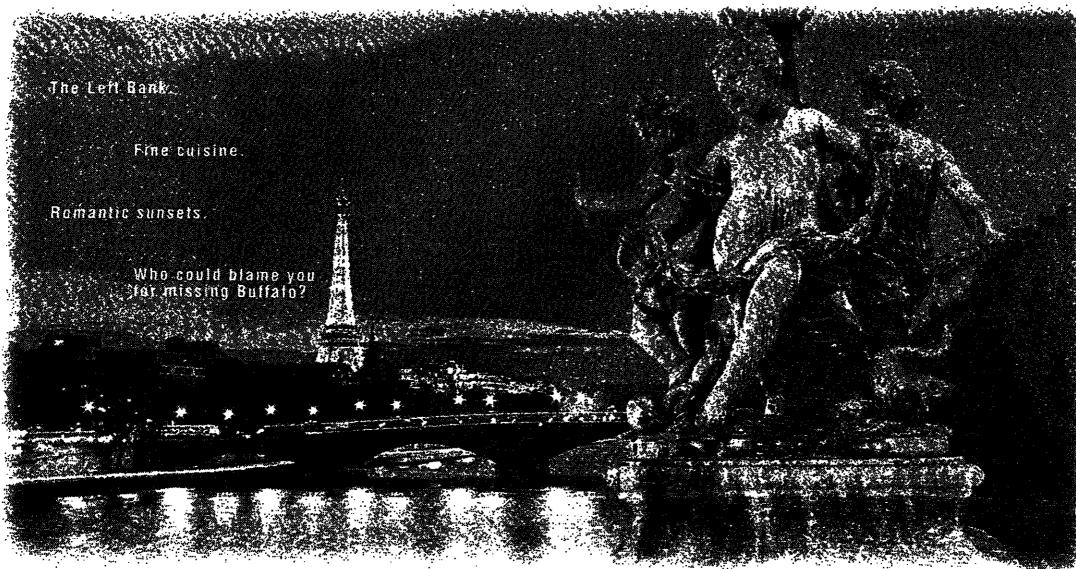
FICTION: "A Frolic of His Own," William Gaddis:
"In the Time of the Butterflies," Julia Alvarez; "The
Prince of West End Avenue," Alan Isler; "And All Our.
Wounds Forgiven," Julius Lesser, and "The Stone
Diaries." Carol Shields.

GENERAL NONFICTION: The Unrede Captive," John Demos; "Strange Jus War," Lynn H. Nicholas: "How We Die," Shervin B. Nuland, and "My Own Country: A Doctor's Story of a Town and Its People in the Age of AIDS," Abrahan

"What We Carry," Dorianne Laux; "Ti Truth," Philip Levine; "Rider," Mark Rud "Sunday Skaters," Mary Jo Salter.

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